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President Droupadi Murmu confers the award on ten-year-old Shravan Singh, who delivered water and milk to soldiers during Op Sindoor

PRESIDENT CONFERS PM RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR ON 20 CHILDREN

Cricketing sensation Vaibhav Suiryavanshi (pic), singer Esther Lalduhawmi Hanamate, and judoka Yogita Mandavi among 20 awarded on Friday

CHAMPIONS ACROSS SIX FIELDS AWARDED

The award is in recognition of exceptional achievements in the fields of bravery, social service, environment, sports, art & culture and science & technology. President Murmu said it is owing to talented children such as Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika that India is considered a chess powerhouse. Ajay Raj and Mohammed Sidan P, who saved lives of others, were feted too

OF X FACTOR, AND THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

- Cricketer Vaibhav Suryavanshi was feted for making "a name for himself in a highly competitive sport", the President said
- Nine-year-old Coimbatore resident Vyoma Priya, awarded posthumously, had lost her life while trying to save a six-year-old during an electrical accident in their gated community park | **P11**

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AWARDEES AMONG THE 20 ARE SPORTSPERSONS

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

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VISA HASSLE

India presses US to resolve H-1B delay

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA on Friday said it has taken up with the US the issue of delays, cancellations and difficulties in scheduling H-1B visa appointments amid mounting concerns that recent regulatory changes have affected thousands of Indians.

"India has received several representations from Indian nationals who are facing delays or problems with the rescheduling of their visa appointments," said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "While we understand that visa-related issues pertain to the sovereign domain of any country, we have flagged these concerns of our nationals to the US side, both in Delhi and in Washington."

The latest disruptions follow a series of policy changes, including a steep fee of $100,000 for first-time H-1B visa applicants and a move away from the random lottery system towards prioritising applicants with higher skills.

From December 15, the US also expanded social media vetting to all H-1B and H-4 visa applicants, a step that has led to widespread appointment cancellations and rescheduling months later.

Jaiswal said India is actively engaging with US to address the issues faced by Indians.

Reports say thousands of Indians have been affected with several people who travelled to India specifically to renew their visas being stranded.

A hotel owner in West Bengal's Siliguri pastes a notice banning Bangladeshis | PTI

MEA: Relentless attack on B'desh Hindus worrying

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA on Friday expressed concern about the "unremitting hostilities" against Hindus in Bangladesh and condemned attempts to dismiss the continuing violence against religious minorities as media exaggeration or political violence.

New Delhi also reacted cautiously to the return of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Tarique Rahman to Dhaka after 17 years of exile, stressing that the development should be viewed in the context of ensuring inclusive polls.

"The unremitting hostilities against the minorities in Bangladesh including Hindus, Christians and Buddhists are a matter of grave concern. We condemn the recent killing of a Hindu youth in Bangladesh and expect that the perpetrators of the crime will be brought to justice," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

The comments came after a string of incidents targeting minorities in Bangladesh amid a rapidly evolving political landscape following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina.

Two Hindu men were lynched in a span of one week. Jaiswal said India is closely monitoring the developments across the border and underlined that protection of minorities is integral to democratic credibility.

Referring to the lynching of Dipu Chandra Das on December 18, Jaiswal said New Delhi has unequivocally condemned the incident and sought swift accountability. On the killing of Amrit Mondal, on December 24, Jaiswal appeared to link it to hostilities towards minorities. When asked about BNP's acting chairman Rahman's return, Jaiswal struck a measured note, saying it should be seen in the context of ensuring inclusive elections. He reiterated India's stand that the upcoming elections must be free, fair, and inclusive but refrained from commenting on Bangladesh's internal political rivalries.

Only Aadhaar-verified users can book rly tickets on 1st day of advance reservation

B ANBUSELVAN @ Chennai

NEARLY six months after making Aadhaar verification mandatory for booking tatkal e-tickets, the Indian Railways has also made that mandate a prerequisite for booking general reservation tickets on the first day of the advance reservation period through the IRCTC portal. The new rule, which comes into effect on January 12, has been introduced to ensure that advanced bookings are done only by genuine passengers.

However, passengers booking paper tickets at reservation counters can continue to do so as usual by submitting the reservation form along with any valid identity document.

According to an order issued by the Railway Board, passengers who have not completed Aadhaar verification on the IRCTC portal will not be allowed to book tickets on the opening day of reservations, which begins 60 days before the departure of a train. The booking window opens at 8 am.

From December 29, only Aadhaar-validated users will be permitted to book tickets between 8 am and noon. This restriction will be extended from 8 am to 4 pm, starting January 5. From January 12, bookings from 8 am to midnight will be available only to Aadhaar-validated users. The Railway Board said the expansion of Aadhaar verification for general class reservations aims to ensure that tickets are purchased only by genuine passengers.

Sources justified the move, noting that tickets on high-demand routes continue to sell out within minutes of the booking window opening at 8 am.

PIL IN DELHI HC TO CUT GST FOR AIR PURIFIERS

STAY OFF LEGISLATIVE TURF: GOVT ON GST NUDGE

UDAYAN KISHORE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Friday opposed a PIL seeking reduced air purifier rates, telling the Delhi High Court that judicial intervention would violate the principle of 'separation of powers.' "This will open up a Pandora's box," the Centre told a vacation bench of justices Vikas Mahajan and Vinod Kumar after the court questioned why the rates couldn't be brought "within reach of the common man".

Additional Solicitor General N Venkataraman, for the Centre, said there was already a legislative process involving parliamentary standing committee reports and GST Council deliberations.

"How can this process be scuttled through a court process?" he asked.

Key demands of the PIL

The petitioner submitted that on medical devices, GST was five per cent whereas it was 18 per cent for air purifiers. He sought a direction to authorities to charge five per cent on air purifiers as well considering the capital's pollution crisis

On the court's earlier suggestion for a virtual GST Council meeting given Delhi's air pollution crisis, the Centre said it was "not possible" as regulations require physical presence of all members. "This is not a PIL at all. GST is only a ruse...We are scared from the constitutional perspective. It is doctrine of separation of powers," the ASG said, adding the Centre couldn't commit to a Council meeting date.

The bench had noted that air purifiers are pricey, ranging from ₹10,000-12,000 ₹60,000. "It is beyond the reach of a common man. Why not bring it down to a reasonable level...What is the difficulty in the GST Council meeting?" it asked.

The ASG said, "It is a loaded petition, we want to know who is behind this...Somebody wants a monopoly in air purifiers...Health ministry is not even a party." The court permitted the Centre to file a counter-affidavit within 10 days.

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CEO among three held for gang-rape in moving car

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THREE persons, including the CEO of a private IT company, have been arrested in connection with the alleged gang-rape of the firm's female manager in a moving car after a birthday party in Udaipur. Police said a local court on Thursday sent the accused to four-day police custody. They identified the accused as GKM IT Pvt Ltd's owner and CEO, Jitesh Sisodia, a senior female executive of the firm and her husband Gaurav Sirohi.

The horrific incident allegedly took place on December 20, while the complaint was lodged on December 23. As per the FIR, the alleged assault followed a birthday and New Year's party organised by the CEO at a hotel in Udaipur. The victim said she reached the hotel around 9 pm. The CEO, the senior female executive and her husband were also present. The party reportedly continued till 1.30 am.

The victim said when she began feeling unwell late at night, the senior female executive offered to drop her home. Around 1.45 am, they left the hotel in the victim's car. The executive's husband and the CEO were present in the vehicle as well.

Midway during the journey, the accused allegedly purchased an intoxicant and forced the victim to consume it, following which she passed out. When she partially regained consciousness, she saw the CEO sexually assaulting her in the moving car, the victim said in her statement.

She alleged that despite her repeated pleas, the accused dropped her home only around 5 am. The victim told the police that her car's dashcam recorded audio and video of the entire incident.

Cylinder blast in front of Mysuru Palace: Death toll rises to 3

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

THE death toll in the helium cylinder blast that occurred in front of the iconic Mysuru Palace on Christmas Day has risen to three. Manjula (38), a flower vendor from Nanjangud, and Lakshmi, wife of Rajesh from Bengaluru, who had sustained severe injuries in the blast, succumbed while undergoing treatment at KR Hospital here on Friday.

Earlier, Saleem (40), a seasonal migrant worker from Uttar Pradesh, was killed on the spot in the explosion on Thursday night. The police said Saleem hailed from a village in Kannauj district of UP. He had come to Mysuru a few months ago to sell ice-creams and balloons at tourist areas around the palace. He was staying at a lodge in the city along with three fellow workers.

According to the police, Saleem was involved in filling balloons using a cylinder when the explosion occurred near the palace premises, causing panic among people.

Two others injured in the blast, Kotresh Beerappa Gutter, a KSRTC employee, and Ranjitha are currently undergoing treatment, but are stable and under close medical supervision.

Lakshmi's husband Rajesh told TNIE that his wife, their two children and his sister Ranjitha had come from Bengaluru for Christmas vacation and were staying at their relative's house in Mysuru. After visiting Gopalaswamy Hill temple, the family had arrived at the Palace to see the flower show. The 10-year-old girl child of Lakshmi and Rajesh told TNIE, "My mother was ahead of me and we were just passing by when the blast occurred. My mother was shouting after falling on the ground, while I was taken in an autorickshaw as I got injured in the head." She was waiting outside the ICU of KR Hospital without knowing that her mother had died.

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Police on Friday barricade the spot outside the Mysuru Palace where a helium cylinder exploded on Thursday evening, killing three people | UDAYASHANKAR S

EXPRESS READ

JDS to go solo in local body elections: Gowda

BENGALURU: Former prime minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo HD Deve Gowda on Friday asserted his party's intention to contest the upcoming elections independently, particularly local body polls | **P4**

C'durga mishap: Bus driver dies, toll now 7

CHITRADURGA: The driver of the ill-fated private sleeper coach bus that collided with a truck on NH 48 in Chitradurga district on Thursday succumbed at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi on Friday, taking the toll to 7 | **P7**

2 held for attacking US tourist

AT GOKARNA

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Gokarna (Uttara Kannada)

THE Gokarna police have arrested two persons for assaulting a foreign national over a trivial issue. An American who was visiting the town and was staying at a rented accommodation was attacked and injured by the two, who were staying next to him at the same place.

The American tourist, Charles Martin Whyte (44), a resident of Manchester, stated in his police complaint that he was disturbed by his neighbours on the night of December 20. "I was woken up by a loud noise and music on December 20 in the wee hours around 3 am. I too put on my choice of music and slept off. I got a knock on the door after sometime. It was my neighbours -- Pandu and Nitish. They asked ne to stop the music as it was disturbing their sleep. When I asked them to turn off the music they have put on in return. There ensued an argument and in the process one person hit me with a hard block," he said. **P7**

French man rescued 2 days after he falls in Hampi

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hampi

A 52-year-old tourist from France was rescued after he was stranded for nearly two days following his fall near the historic Octagonal Bath at Hampi. He was admitted to the Koppal District Hospital on Friday.

The incident occurred around 6 pm on December 24 when the tourist, Bruno Roger, was trying to climb a hillock close to the monument at the Unesco World Heritage Site. While climbing up the rocky terrain, he slipped and fell, sustaining a serious injury to his leg. As the area is largely isolated and receives little footfall during evening hours, he remained unnoticed for two days.

Despite severe pain and limited mobility, Roger managed to survive at the spot and managed to crawl into a banana plantation. Farmers, who noticed him, informed the police. Immediately, the local police and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) officials rushed to the spot and got him shifted to the hospital. His condition is stable now, and he is able to communicate.

Roger arrived in India alone from France and was staying at a homestay in Kaddirampura village near Hampi. Preliminary inquiries suggest that he ventured out alone to explore the area when the mishap occurred.

The police advised tourists to exercise caution while exploring rocky and isolated areas around Hampi, especially during late hours. They reiterated that visitors should adhere to safety guidelines to avoid such incidents in heritage zones.

The injured French tourist, Bruno Roger

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WEATHER
MIN 13°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Mostly sunny

Sunrise 06.39 am
Sunset 06.01 pm
Moonrise 11.49 am
Moonset 12.16 am

Finish Line 2025

TOURISM

Poor infra becomes biggest challenge for Karnataka tourism

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

THE year 2025 posed challenges to both tourists and tour operators in Karnataka. Even as tourist numbers dwindled for various reasons, the government did not put in enough effort to develop tourism infrastructure or to attract tourists.

Poor condition of roads leading to tourist destinations, lack of maintenance of tourism infrastructure, and absence of government involvement in safety and quality audits of private tourism service providers are keeping a large number of tourists away from Karnataka. The year also saw the image of Karnataka being tarnished on social media with a series of language issues and crimes at popular tourism destinations that further dwindled opportunities for Karnataka.

While other states are taking tourism to the next level by regularly organising seminars, farm trips, inviting social media influencers and more, Karnataka has been seen as a laggard. Though private tourism infrastructure, like homestays and resorts, are mushrooming, the tourist inflow has been coming down. There have been complaints from homestay owners that they have not been able to fill 40 guests at places that can host a 100. The price war among tourist operators is depriving visitors of quality stay and food. Scams being perpetrated in the tourism sector of Goa are being seen in Karnataka as well.

Just take Hampi for example. The Unesco heritage site receives the highest number of foreign tourists in Karnataka annually. But this year, the numbers dipped by over 10 lakh as compared to last year. After a rape and murder case in Sanapur of Koppal district in March, the number of international and domestic tourists fell drastically. Even today, several tourists inquire with the Hampi administration whether the site is safe for travellers though the rape and murder took place away from Hampi.

The state government recently announced a number of tourism attractions in all districts and also added newer destinations. But a majority of these spots suffer from lack of infrastructure. For instance, Badami has no good hotels despite it being one among the favourite destinations for domestic and foreign travellers. Many spots in Uttara Kannada district have no proper roads and signboards. Excited by social media posts, many travellers try to venture into these sites, but get themselves into trouble, especially during monsoon.

Tourism experts point out that there is more capacity in resorts, hotels and homestays than the actual tourist numbers. With more such spaces mushrooming, the quality of hospitality has gone down. But the state tourism department has been unable to revive the market and bring benefits to stakeholders. Over the last two years, there has been no major funding from the state government to boost the tourism sector in the state, the experts opine.

The state also suffered a big loss during the prime season of the year after wildlife safaris were cancelled because of human-tiger conflicts in Bandipur. The Kabini and Bandipur cluster which is solely dependent on wildlife safaris saw a big decline in tourist numbers. Though local residents and taxi operators complained about a steep fall in business, the state government refused to withdraw the ban.

On the positive side, the state took efforts to revive heritage tourism in Gadag district. It recently declared 16 temples in historic Lakkundi village as protected monuments. It is expected to draw in more tourists, but it's not enough. While several monuments in the state lie in a dilapidated condition, the government has been unable to funnel funds to restore them.

Time to uncork Karnataka's untapped potential

SOHAN SHETTY
Member, Association of Coastal Tourism

THE closing weeks of the year are traditionally marked by familiar rituals — selecting a new planner, choosing an inspiring calendar, and setting new year resolutions that often feel obligatory rather than aspirational. Equally customary is the act of reflection. As 2025 draws to a close, there is much to look back upon, assess, and learn from. Above all, it is a reminder that, despite challenges, we have endured yet another year.

The year began on an uncertain note, with erratic weather patterns unsettling both residents and travellers alike. Early disruptions were followed by landslides that affected major highways and derailed travel plans during the middle of the year. In contrast, the monsoon season — so often unpredictable — proved to be surprisingly restrained and cooperative. As the year concluded, the tourism sector was confronted with the unexpected "IDidn'tGo" episode, a phenomenon that briefly unsettled travel sentiment.

Taken together, these events rendered 2025 a year that was eventful, yet in many respects, quite ordinary. Despite these fluctuations, the tourism industry demonstrated resilience and recorded a reasonably stable performance overall.

At the most fundamental level of hospitality lies the homestay sector, long cherished by budget travellers and those seeking authentic, local experiences. In 2025, however, this segment witnessed a noticeable slowdown in the number of new homestays being established. A key factor contributing to this decline was a government directive mandating the alienation of land on which homestays are constructed. While well-intentioned from a regulatory standpoint, the directive has had unintended consequences.

A widowed senior citizen, who had previously operated a successful homestay before shutting it down during the Covid pandemic, shared that this regulation represents the third significant barrier preventing her from reopening. Prior to this, she had struggled with unreasonably long waiting periods for approvals from multiple authorities, as well as the growing tendency of law enforcement agencies to hold homestay owners accountable for any untoward incidents involving guests. These cumulative challenges proved overwhelming. Her experience raises an important question: Has the original spirit and purpose of the homestay concept been compromised? Increasingly, it appears that only those with the time, resources and resilience to navigate bureaucratic corridors can establish homestays — rather than the homemakers whose warmth, hospitality and culinary traditions once formed the backbone of this sector.

Ironically, while small homestay operators grapple with regulatory hurdles, local makeshift eateries continue to flourish along highways and rural routes. These establishments, often informal and family-run, offer flavours that are distinctly rustic and deeply satisfying. Their chutneys, in particular, remain unrivalled in taste and authenticity. One cannot help but wonder whether it is only a matter of time before these too attract regulatory scrutiny.

Amid these challenges, there have been notable successes. Entrepreneurs who have managed to overcome administrative obstacles have established refined and exclusive homestays nestled in the mountains and along Karnataka's expansive coastline. These properties have become destinations in their own right, drawing repeat visitors who return specifically for the homestay experience. Regions such as Chikkamagaluru, Madikeri and coastal Karnataka are increasingly capturing attention and, in some cases, offering competition to established World Heritage destinations.

Karnataka is uniquely positioned with an extraordinary range of tourism assets. The state boasts of regal palaces, magnificent temples, remnants of Mughal architecture, enchanting hill stations, verdant coffee plantations and a breathtaking coastline. Add to this its rich wildlife reserves and cascading waterfalls, and the diversity becomes truly remarkable.

Consolidating international tourism within a single state could offer visitors an experience that otherwise requires travel across multiple regions of the country. Such is Karnataka's untapped potential. Yet progress often appears constrained by a narrow, inward-looking approach. One must ask why initiatives such as a state-level equivalent of the "Palace on Wheels" have not been pursued. The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation could play a pivotal role by partnering with private hotels and resorts to create well-structured travel circuits within the state.

On a personal note, I recently organised a "Taste of India" tour for a first-time, solo French female traveller travelling on a modest budget, with a desire to include Ayurvedic treatment. The experience proved transformative — not just for the traveller, but in its broader impact. She has since become a passionate ambassador for India, confidently reassuring prospective travellers in France that language barriers are minimal, even for those who do not speak English. This experience underscores the immense potential of personalised, thoughtfully curated travel.

As we look ahead to 2026, the aspiration must be to instil a renewed sense of pride among all stakeholders and to execute cohesive, forward-thinking plans that present India to the world — beginning with Karnataka. What is required is not excessive oversight, but empowerment, trust, and the freedom to innovate.

NY CURBS: PUBS, CLUBS AND BARS TO SHUT BY 1 AM

Rave parties prohibited; firecrackers, weapons banned inside premises

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AHEAD of the grand New Year celebrations across the city, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh on Friday said that all bars, restaurants, pubs, and clubs must close by 1 am. The police have issued 30 safety and regulatory guidelines to owners to maintain law and order and ensure public safety.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with owners of bars, restaurants, pubs, and clubs, Singh said the guidelines focus on crowd control, age restrictions, operating hours, women's safety, noise pollution, and the installation of additional CCTV cameras. He said the directions are aimed at ensuring the safety of women, children, and senior citizens during the celebrations.

The Commissioner said instructions have also been issued regarding proper entry and exit arrangements, fire safety measures, parking facilities, and the display of emergency contact details. The conduct of rave parties or illegal events has been prohibited. Firecrackers and weapons will not be allowed on the premises.

Parks, lakes to remain closed from 6pm on Dec 31

BENGALURU: Central City Corporation Commissioner on Friday issued orders for the closure of parks, playgrounds and lakes from 6pm on December 31, as a precautionary measure ahead of the New Year celebrations. The order has been issued to prevent any untoward incident as a large number of people are likely to gather in public places on the night of December 31. The corporation officials are also working closely with the police department.

He added that establishments must ensure proper queue management and event plans must be informed to the police in advance. All establishments must close by 1 am.

While the owners urged that the closure time be extended at least by an hour, Singh said that they cannot permit operations beyond 1 am and that all establishments have been directed to celebrate responsibly and cooperate with the police to ensure peaceful celebrations.

According to the press release, precautionary measures must be taken to prevent fire accidents or stampedes. Adequate precautions should be implemented at entry points, exit points, parking areas, and within the event premises to prevent overcrowding. At venues where women are present in large numbers, women security personnel must be deployed. In case of any violations, legal action will be initiated against the organisers as well as the owners or managers of the premises. Agencies deploying security staff, DJs, and bouncers must be registered under the Private Security Agencies Regulation Act (PSARA). Their details must be submitted in advance to the local police station along with verified identity cards.

Free parking extended from 10 mins to 15 at T1 arrivals

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FOLLOWING widespread backlash, Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) has extended the free parking duration at Terminal 1 arrival pick-up areas P3 and P4 from 10 minutes to 15 minutes.

According to BIAL, the revised time limit is part of a broader effort to smoothen kerbside operations and reduce congestion. Alongside the extended parking duration, the airport has strengthened last-mile connectivity between the terminal and pick-up zones. A fleet of shuttle services operating every seven minutes, along with six cars and 10 buggies, is now available to ferry passengers between Terminal 1 and P3 or P4.

According to the revised time limits, vehicles can park free of charge for the first 15 minutes at both P3 and P4. For stays between 15 and 45 minutes, a fee of Rs 100 is applicable. Thereafter, vehicles are charged Rs 50 for every additional hour. For long-term parking, a full-day charge of Rs 600 applies, with Rs 350 for every additional day.

BIAL also specified that the airport management is not responsible for any loss or damage to vehicles or their contents, regardless of cause. In cases where a parking ticket is lost, motorists are required to report the issue at the exit gate. Vehicles will be allowed to exit only after ownership verification, and a penalty of Rs 600, in addition to applicable parking charges, will be levied. Airport officials said the measures are designed to balance passenger convenience with traffic discipline, especially during peak hours.

The BIAL earlier this month announced free entry for private cars into designated arrival pick-up zones at T1 and T2 under a new lane segregation system. Vehicles get eight minutes free; overstays attract Rs 150 to Rs 300, while those exceeding 18 minutes face towing and fines.

The move was protested by drivers unions and led to a protest on December 16, which had at least 2,000 drivers gathering at the Sadahalli toll plaza demanding the immediate rollback as it caused passengers a lot of inconvenience. With widespread criticism from passengers of how they were forced to walk to the newly designated pickup spots and some calling it an obstacle course.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

27th December : Advice for a Saturday Moon Change Puffer fish puff, peacocks fan and people at parties posture and sparkle, because making oneself bigger seems like the impressive, attractive thing to do. And with the lunar move from Pisces to competitive Aries, this tactic can even discourage the opposition. Still, approach with humor; the most attractive thing of all is not taking oneself too seriously.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's a time to show your skills, a time to downplay them and wisdom in knowing which way to take things. Downplaying is easy. But are you ready to "show and tell"? Because your moment is coming.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Your heart's ambition has been hard to make progress with inside a chaotic stretch of life. But do keep the flame alive. This is an aim for the long haul. Forget about short-term heroics and just keep coming back.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Good relationships, whether with people, places, projects or roles, are going to take effort. But they shouldn't feel like constant work. Give yourself some grace. You're dealing with a complicated situation.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Instead of pining for distant good fortune, you'll pay closer attention to what's happening around you. The invitations, ideas, people and opportunities crossing your path are just the collaboration you need. It's not "out there"; it's in your realm.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
It comes up today how it might have been nice to have certain opportunities others take for granted. But don't let that diminish the rare, defining experiences that are all yours. You're someone extraordinary despite, or maybe because of, them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You can't change the number of hours there are in a day, but you can use them well. And today, with a mix of instinct and planning, you can use them even better than you have been. Efficiency is your middle name.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Big moments of intuition are rare. More often intuition comes in microdoses, tiny pangs and pings alerting you to a moment or detail before you consciously understand why it will be important. Today brings three such signals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
You'll say yes to simplicity when you say no to superfluousness. Your closet becomes functional when you eliminate what you don't wear. Your schedule eases when you decline social clutter. Your emotions stabilize when you stop engaging with takers. Less is more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You are with yourself 24/7. Any relationship on earth with that kind of schedule is bound to have its tense moments. Expect fluctuations of self-esteem, and roll with them, knowing that you deserve loads of kindness. You're doing great.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You have a bit of competition. Your opponent may be worthy, but the game itself is not. You could walk away, come to a deal or give in. Stay flexible and humble, and you just may end up with everything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
When you smile, you feel happier. Whether you make up reasons or have no reason at all, either way it just works. It's not about faking it until you make it. It's letting go of the petty ideas keeping you from joy.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You'll pick up undercurrents of a situation -- the real feeling beneath the surface. Because of this, you'll understand someone without them having to say much. You'll also have the right response at the right moment.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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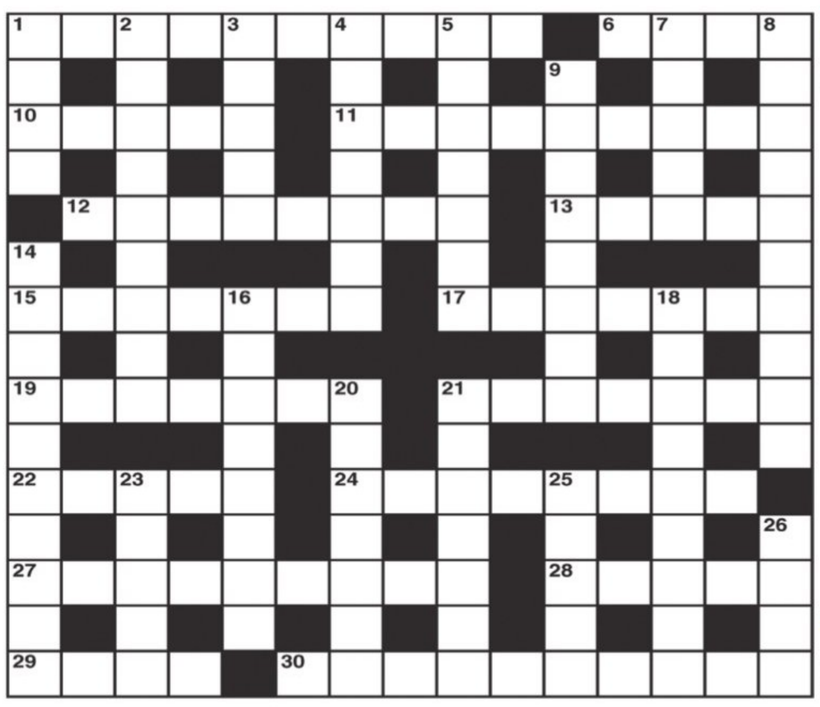

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Inspection by officers ends the game on board (10)
6 Clothes changed frequently in the car (4)
10 A doctor and a mother in an exciting story (5)
11 Thought me old fashioned about it (9)
12 Extreme scepticism (8)
13 A blow that's designed to humiliate (5)
15 Nautical way to the top (7)
17 Strange charm that is pure fantasy (7)
19 Plunder piled so haphazardly (7)
21 Stays to enclose a number in some armour (7)
22 Regretting having to destroy a note (5)
24 Ten girls making money (8)
27 All agreed to distribution of a union sum (9)
28 Pitched one in an outhouse (5)
29 Still having the same points (4)
30 Of use to writers still we hear (10)

DOWN

1 Laws the experts may break (4)
2 Wastes time, a case for improvement (9)
3 A uniform colour perhaps (5)
4 Cupboard that will give more air (7)
5 Directions to medic worried about disease type (7)
7 Reserve shown by one with nothing to say (5)
8 Coarse toast enjoyed by those who are fit (4,6)
9 A red tie's construed as more sober (8)
14 Main thoroughfare used by merchants (5,5)
16 Firm hold for a golf club I ring pro about? (4,4)
18 An inelegant sort of plant (9)
20 Oaf holds some wood for making attack (4,3)
21 Salad greenery and French dressing in a basket (7)
23 I am on time for the picture (5)
25 Rope in a girl with a ring (5)
26 Extremely irritable? (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Support, 5 Mufti, 8 Universal, 9 Eat, 10 Late, 12 Left over, 14 Chance, 15 Debris, 17 Discount, 18 Reel, 21 Coo, 22 Anchor man, 24 Lathe, 25 Sit down.

Down: 1 Skull, 2 Phi, 3 Open, 4 Tossed, 5 Muleteer, 6 Free verse, 7 Interns, 11 Transport, 13 Accolade, 14 Codicil, 16 Snacks, 19 Linen, 20 Lout, 23 Moo.

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BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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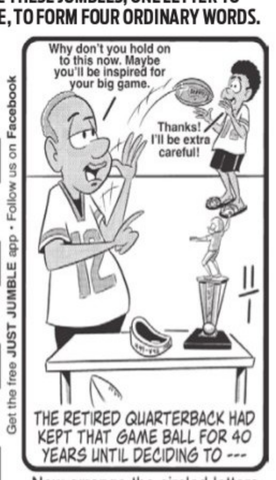
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORUM JUICE LEVITY SAFARI
Answer: When Stephen King's story became a film starring Sissy Spacek, it was a — "SCARRIE" MOVIE

A 50-year-old man died after he accidentally fell from the third floor of a house in Doddaballapur on Friday morning. The deceased, Somashekar, was staying with his family in a rented house on the third floor. Around 7.30 am, Somashekar was trying to pass a pipe to his neighbour who lives on the second floor. As water had accumulated on the floor, he slipped and fell to the ground

Home-alone nurse murdered, lover arrested

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A 25-year-old male nurse has been arrested for allegedly killing his 39-year-old female colleague at Umarbagh Layout in Kumaraswamy Layout. According to the police, the victim—Mamatha—and the accused— C Sudhakar—were in a relationship for the last one year. While Mamatha has been a staff nurse at Jayadeva Hospital for the last one year, Sudhakar has been working as a senior staff nurse at the same hospital.

Victim Mamatha

Accused Sudhakar

Sudhakar had recently gotten engaged to another woman. Mamatha forced him to call off the engagement and marry her.

She even threatened to die by suicide by writing his name along with the names of his parents in the death note. Frustrated over this, Sudhakar killed Mamatha by slitting her throat with a kitchen knife on Wednesday night. While Mamatha hailed from Hiriyur in Chitradurga district, Sudhakar is from Hassan and was staying in Banashankari 2nd Stage.

Mamatha was staying with her friend Shruthi.

Mamatha was home alone when the accused came to meet her. After killing her, he made it look like a case of robbery by taking away her chain. At around 11am on Thursday, the house owner reported the matter to the police.

"Mamatha called me on Wednesday evening, asking me to keep the keys near the door, as she would be reaching home around 10.30pm. On Thursday morning, Shruthi called me to check if Mamatha had kept the keys near the door, as she was not answering the phone. When I went there, Mamatha did not open the door. When I checked through the window, I saw her lying in a pool of blood," the house owner told the media.

The police, who checked Mamatha's call records, found that Sudhakar had repeatedly called her. They also checked the CCTV cameras in the vicinity and saw the movement of Sudhakar near Mamatha's house. They then picked him up from his residence and questioned him, following which he confessed to having killed her.

"The accused told the police that he was not aware of the victim's age when he was in love with her. Only after knowing that she was much older than him, he started distancing himself from her. The victim was working as the nurse for the last one year," said the police.

The Kumaraswamy Layout police have registered a case of murder.

SEEKING JUSTICE

Members of like-minded and progressive organisations hold a candlelight vigil at Freedom Park on Friday, demanding justice to the woman who was brutally murdered by her father over an inter-caste marriage in Hubballi | VINOD KUMAR T

CRIME PATROL

Techie, father die in car crash on Hesaraghatta Road

BENGALURU: A software engineer and his father died on the spot and four others, including 2 children, were injured when their car hit a roadside tree near Totagere Cross on Hesaraghatta Road on Thursday evening. The deceased have been identified as Harish, 39, and his father Veerabhadra, 80. Harish's mother Gowramma, 62, wife Mythri, 32, daughter Siri, 10, and niece Vandana, 8, of Dasarahalli, were injured. They were returning home after visiting their farm in Gauribidanur. Harish was driving the car.Harish lost control over the car while negotiating a curve and hit the roadside tree around 6.30 pm.

K'taka HC grants ad-interim anticipatory bail to Byrathi

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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday granted ad-interim anticipatory bail to former minister and BJP MLA **Byrathi Basavaraj**, who was absconding, in the Bikla Shiva murder case.

A vacation bench of Justice G Basavaraja said it is inclined to grant ad-interim bail till the disposal of the main anticipatory bail petition, considering that Basavaraj was given interim protection till December 19. The investigating officer (IO) has not produced the materials collected after the appearance of the petitioner before him before this court, the court added. It imposed conditions that Basavaraj should be released on bail in the event of his arrest on executing a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh and two like-sum sureties. He should cooperate with the investigation and not tamper with the prosecution witnesses, it added.Senior counsel Sandesh Chouta, appearing for Basavaraj, argued that the petitioner was given interim protection by the high court on July 18, 2025, directing the investigating agency not to take precipitative action against him, with the condition that he should cooperate with the investigation. Accordingly, the petitioner appeared before the IO twice responding to the notice issued to him.

Till the interim protection granted to him was vacated on December 19, the CID did not even issue a notice for the petitioner's appearance, though no stay had been granted. However, it has filed the chargesheet against all other accused except the petitioner, seeking more time to conduct investigation against him without assigning proper reasons as per procedure, Chouta argued. He pointed out that a desperate attempt is being made to arrest the petitioner, who was implicated as a political vendetta.

Earlier, the government advocate requested the court to defer the matter to file objections, saying the Special Public Prosecutor was abroad.

The hearing on the main petition for anticipatory bail is adjourned to January 6. The high court rejected his interlocutory application, seeking anticipatory bail on December 19, while quashing the charges of KCOCA invoked in the case. He later approached the Special Court for trial of the Criminal Cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs, which rejected the anticipatory bail on Tuesday.

Suicide bid: Newly-wed woman dies

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GHANAVI, 26, who was battling for life after attempting suicide at her husband Suraj's house in Vidyaranyapura, died in hospital on Thursday night.

Police have taken Suraj and his family members into custody. After her death, Ghanavi's relatives gathered near Suraj's house and staged a protest. Suraj and his family members tied their dog to the gate to prevent the protesters from entering their house. Ghanavi's relatives had planned to protest in front of Suraj's house by keeping her body there. However, police persuaded them to take the body to her parents' house after postmortem.

Suraj, 29, who works with a commerce company, married Ghanavi on October 29. Based on Suraj's parents' demand, a reception was held at Palace Grounds on November 23. They then went to Sri Lanka for honeymoon. They planned a 10-day trip, but returned home on Sunday, within five days. After they returned home, Suraj's family asked Ghanavi's parents to take her back. Upset, Ghanavi attempted suicide by hanging on Wednesday afternoon. "At the time of their wedding, there was no demand for dowry. Later, Suraj's family started demanding a house, gold and other valuables from Ghanavi's parents. Ghanavi returned to her parents' house. After her relatives held a meeting with Suraj's parents, Ghanavi returned to her in-laws' house. We suspect Suraj could be impotent. He might have fought with her when she questioned him during their Lanka tour," a member of Ghanavi's family said. Ramamurthy Nagar police have registered a case of dowry death under Section 80 of BNS.

JUNIOR TECHNICIAN HELD FOR SECRETLY RECORDING NURSE AT HOSP DRESSING ROOM

BENGALURU: The Annapoorneshwari Nagar police arrested a 23-year-old junior technician of a private hospital for allegedly recording a video of a nurse changing her clothes. He had placed a mobile phone in the dressing room of the hospital, which is located in Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage. The accused, Suvendu Mohata (23), hailed from West Bengal and was working at the hospital for the last one year. He was staying at a paying guest accommodation at Kottigepalya. The police said that around 8.30 am on December 20, the nurse was changing clothes at the surgical unit's dressing room when she heard a sound from a corner of the room. On checking, she found a mobile phone that was secretly recording videos. She immediately alerted the hospital management, who filed a police complaint on December 22. Mohata was arrested the same day. The probe revealed that he had placed the mobile phone in the dressing room after changing his clothes. Only one video was found on the device. The mobile phone has been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory to retrieve additional data. The accused has been remanded to judicial custody. ENS

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Karnataka Ecotourism Development Board chairperson Shalet Lavina Pinto has been accorded with the minister of state rank. A law graduate from Mangaluru, she was appointed as the chairperson in October. An advocate by profession, she had also served as the Dakshina Kannada district women's Congress president

JDS TO GO IT ALONE IN LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS, DECLARES DEVE GOWDA

An effort by him to protect party's regional identity, Vokkaliga base in Old Mysuru, say experts

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo HD Deve Gowda on Friday asserted his party's intention to contest the upcoming elections independently, particularly local body polls.

The JDS is in an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party and is part of the National Democratic Alliance since 2023.

Speaking to reporters, the Rajya Sabha member said, "With BJP, we are going to contest the elections to Lok Sabha, Assembly and Council. What the BJP state president has said, I am not going to raise any questions on that. We will also contest all the local body elections on our own..." Gowda's remarks come amid ongoing speculation about the future of the JDS-BJP alliance.

While the alliance proved effective in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections-helping the NDA secure a strong performance in Karnataka-recent months have seen reports of internal frictions, including over seat-sharing and coordination in local-level politics. Some JDS leaders pointed out that the alliance helped the BJP in about eight seats in Karnataka. The veteran leader's refusal to directly challenge statements from state BJP president BY Vijayendra suggests a measured approach, avoiding public confrontation while reaffirming JDS' autonomy.

Political observers view this as an effort by Gowda to protect the party's regional identity and Vokkaliga base in the Old Mysuru region, where JDS traditionally holds sway, ahead of crucial local body elections expected in the coming months. As Karnataka gears up for panchayat and urban local body polls, Gowda's statement underscores JDS' strategy to strengthen its grassroots organisation independently, even as high-level talks on NDA coordination continue.

The development highlights the delicate balance in coalition politics, where regional parties like JDS seek to maintain leverage within broader alliances. ''Gowda is a seasoned politician. His assertion of independently putting up candidates for local body elections is both to keep the party's cadre happy as well as to test the waters for the Assembly elections which is still far away. At the same time he seems to be beholden to PM Modi for political and family reasons, though of course he has compromised with his secular ideals. He perhaps senses that Kumaraswamy may go with the BJP in the longer run. Not being critical of Vijayendra is also driven by the desire to not cause strain to the BJP-JDS alliance,'' said political analyst Prof PS Jayaramu.

Former prime minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo HD Deve Gowda addresses the media at the party office in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

> **With BJP, we (JDS) are going to contest the elections to the Lok Sabha, Legislative Assembly and Council. We will contest all the local body elections on our own**
>
> HD Deve Gowda, former PM and JDS supremo

Will state BJP netas question train ticket fare hike, asks CM

ENS @ Davanagere

TARGETING the Union Government over the recent increase in train ticket fares, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday questioned whether the state BJP leaders will question their Central leadership on the hike, "which is burdening the citizens".

Speaking to the media in Davanagere, the CM alleged that the BJP leaders are silent on the Centre's decision to hike train ticket fares which is directly effecting people's life.

The CM said that he would be leaving for Delhi on Friday evening to participate in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in the national capital on Saturday. "There is no need to hype the visit," he said.

PAYING HOMAGE

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and others pay respects to former minister Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who passed away in Bengaluru on December 14, at a condolence meeting in Davanagere on Friday | EXPRESS

MY TAKE

ILLUSION OF HARMONY: HATE SPEECH/CRIME DETERRED, BUT NOT MITIGATED

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THE Indian society has for long been appreciated for its pluralistic nature. But this pluralism is peppered with incidents which threaten the social fabric. It remains a threat that needs to be nipped in the bud. Some regions in Karnataka – like the coastal belt and pockets in the north and south interior of the state – have demonstrated worrisome levels of communal discord over the past few years.

Nurturing a society to enable it to evolve into a progressive and peaceful one is a challenging task for any government. It is even more challenging considering the ironic fact that the very social diversity which we are so proud of becomes a key ingredient to seed and sprout discord. It is to tackle this challenge that the Congress-ruled Karnataka government tabled and passed Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025, in the recent legislative session. The proclaimed rationale behind it was to create a specific, standalone law to curb incidents linked to hate speeches/crimes.

However, the Bill – which is awaiting the Governor's assent – should not be seen as a magic wand that would make communal discord vanish into thin air. In fact, at best, it could act as a deterrent, considering the stiff penalties it threatens perpetrators with. But at worst, it presents itself as a weapon in the hands of the political masters to put down opposition of any kind. It can easily target any individual, group/s of individuals or institution/s whose expressions or actions may be construed in a desired manner and shown off as hate speech or hate crime, and 'perpetrator' made to face stringent punishments proposed in the Bill – it has all the spice to be a potentially Draconian law.

The seed for the Bill being potentially Draconian lies in its ambiguities. The Bill defines 'hate speech' as "...any expression which is made, published, or circulated, in words either spoken or written or by signs or by visible representations or through electronic communication or otherwise, in public view, with an intention to cause injury, disharmony or feelings of enmity or hatred or ill-will against person alive or dead, class or group of persons or community, to meet any prejudicial interest..." By 'prejudicial interest', it means and includes, the bias on the grounds of religion, race, caste or community, sex, gender, sexual orientation, place of birth, residence, language, disability, or tribe.

It defines 'hate crime' as "communication of hate speech, by making, publishing or circulating or any act of promoting, propagating, inciting or abetting or attempting, such hate speech, to cause disharmony or feelings of enmity or hatred or ill-will against any person dead or alive or group of persons or organization. By 'Communication', the Bill means and includes communication of expression, made in public view, by way of verbal, print, publication, electronic means, or other means to convey such expression.

The Bill lays down stringent punishment for 'hate crime', stating that the perpetrators would be "punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year, which may extend to seven years with a fine of Rs.50,000/-; and for any subsequent or repetitive offences the punishment shall not be less than two years, which may extend to ten years with fine of Rs1,00,000/-."

The Congress-driven Bill appears to have been ideated as a "lesson" to the BJP-ruled Centre. It is said to be drafted to fill a legislative gap in the BJP-driven Centrally legislated Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) (formerly the Indian Penal Code), which stops short of defining and penalizing 'hate speech' as a crime.

The Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025, does intend to curb the rising number of communal clashes and hate-related incidents. It does send a message about the coming of a non-bailable law to prevent escalation of hate crimes. It does broaden the protection of people through deterrence, extending it on the lines of gender, sexual orientation, disability, place of birth, and language. It places responsibility on the shoulders of organizations and their respective office-bearers, holding them accountable for hate crimes/speeches by their respective employees or members.

But what it does not do – and cannot be expected to do – is to lay the foundation for harmonious coexistence, which is the very core of pluralism and diversity that has reflected India's character so far. The Bill, if or when it does become a law, will not be able to stop hatred generated in the minds of people, although it may stifle hate-filled expressions and actions to evade the stringent punishment it lays down.

Harmony in society is tough to achieve and maintain in the diverse society of India, of which Karnataka is a reflection with varied castes, cultures, communities, groups, languages and religions. But it is not impossible to achieve a harmonious society in which hate speeches/crimes will find no place if top-down institutional reforms through appropriate legislation are not sincerely matched with a bottom-up individual and community engagement. The latter can happen only when education and healthcare are focused on to broaden the minds of people with healthier bodies. Legislation should be aimed to achieve that.

This Bill, clearly with an eye on political one-upmanship with the BJP-ruled Centre, will not stop hate festering in the minds of people. The all-important goal of achieving social and communal harmony will remain a distant dream, in that case.

Is Surjewala deliberately steering clear of power tussle in Karnataka?

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IN a bombshell development rocking the Congress high command, sources in both Karnataka and Delhi confirm that AICC General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala is consciously distancing himself from the leadership tussle that has dominated headlines in the state for months. Insiders reveal that Surjewala, once a key troubleshooter balancing the rival camps of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, has chosen to stay away from the stormy power battle— and it's by his own choice.

Highly placed party sources disclose that two crucial letters penned by Surjewala to the AICC leadership were not taken seriously, signalling a clear erosion of his influence. In the recent high-stakes deliberations over the leadership crisis, Surjewala was conspicuously absent from critical decision-making meetings. Instead, the Congress high command has leaned heavily on KC Venugopal, the AICC Organisation General Secretary - who, incidentally, previously held the Karnataka in-charge portfolio before Surjewala.

Sources close to the leader say Surjewala has conveyed to the Congress leadership his keen interest in shifting focus to states where Congress needs a stronger push - like Jharkhand - rather than Karnataka, where the party is already in power and performing well.

Randeep Singh Surjewala (left) with Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar

One senior legislator said, "Surjewala is keeping away from this turbulent leadership crisis entirely on his own accord." Another top source echoed the sentiment, underscoring the voluntary nature of his withdrawal.One source said the Siddaramaiah camp had raised the issue with the Congress high command and even complained that Surjewala was taking sides. One source said Surjewala was not too happy over being sidelined on this issue.

As the Congress grapples with internal fissures ahead of crucial political battles, this apparent marginalisation of a senior general secretary raises serious questions about unity and strategy at the top.

Karnataka third in South India for out-of-school children

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

IN what can be called a problem that remains unsolved for years is out-of- school children in the state and across the country. The latest data from the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has revealed that Karnataka stands third in South India in out-of-school children.

As per the data provided by the department in the Parliament to a question raised by Congress MP Renuka Chowdhury about out-of- school children especially out of school adolescent girls in various states, there are 14,087 children out- of-school of which 6,462 are adolescent girls in 2025-26, in Karnataka. The number has increased when compared to the numbers in the last academic year.

In 2024-25, there were 9,422 out-of- school children of which only 115 were girls. Karnataka ranks 12th in India, while Gujarat, Assam and Uttar Pradesh tops the chart.

In southern India, Andhra Pradesh topped the list with a whopping 46,463 out-of-school children of which 17,584 are adolescent girls. Tamil Nadu stood second with 19,897 children of which 9,054 are girls. Telangana has 4,753 out of school children of which 2006 are girls. Kerala has the lowest number of children out-of-school which is 1,773 of which 539 are girls.

The Ministry stated that they have been providing free education to children under Samagra Shiksha, up-gradation and running of Kasturba

Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, Morarji Desai residential schools free uniforms and text books, construction of hostels for SC and ST girl students and more.

Despite various schemes by both the state and central governments, thousands of children have been out of schools for various reasons including lack of proper infrastructure like toilets, drinking water, shortage of teachers, free and compulsory education only up to the age of 14 and not 18, child marriage and teen pregnancies. Currently in Karnataka, there are 46,460 schools of which around even today 170 schools don't have toilet facilities.

Kathyayini Chamraj, Executive Trustee at CIVIC, recently submitted a memorandum to Laxmi Hebbalkar, Minister for Women and Child Development, to provide a pre-registration marriage certificate. She said, "Instead of police going to wedding halls to stop child marriage, government must make it mandatory for everybody to take a pre-registration marriage certificate from tahsildar to validate the age of couple. This is one way we can reduce child marriages and also adolescent girls being out of schools. This provision already exists in the state for mass marriages but they must make it compulsory for private marriages also."

She added, "We have written both to the state and central government to make free and compulsory education even for adolescents who fall in the age group of 15 to 18. This will help girls to pursue academics beyond class 9 along with an option for vocational education and apprenticeships in industries for those who don't have an aptitude for academics and may fear failing in class 10 or 12. It is also high time that various departments in government must work together, allocate funds to build toilets and provide water facilities in schools."

MoS Somanna reviews Ramanagara railway station modernisation work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

MINISTER of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna on Friday inspected the modernisation work on Ramanagar railway station taken up under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) at an estimated cost of Rs 20.96 crore. The work includes upgrading the circulating area, construction of a foot overbridge, platform shelters and waiting halls, additional parking zones for two-wheelers and four-wheelers, installation of three lifts and one escalator, and new toilets.

Addressing officials, Somanna said Bengaluru South district has immense potential for growth and called for a close coordination between the state and Union governments to achieve this. MEMU train services in the region are proving beneficial to daily commuters. The Centre will bear the cost of road over bridges and road under bridges across the country. He said nearly 98% of track electrification work has been completed across the country. Railway infrastructure development is progressing well in the state. He also inspected Bidadi railway station.

He also visited the Toyota manufacturing unit to assess transportation of vehicles through the railway network.

Union MoS V Somanna at the Ramanagara Railway Station on Friday. Bengaluru Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath and others are seen

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The 26th edition of the famous Avarekai Mela will be held from December 27 to January 4 at the National College Ground in Basavanagudi. The event will feature new dishes and a 5D theatre. According to the organisers, this year's special attractions include avarekai gulab jamun served with ice cream, avarekai momos, avarekai poori, holige, halwa and neer dosa with avarekai sambar

GBA officials seek DCM's help over 'harassment'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Greater Bengaluru Authority Employees' and Officers' Association has written to Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar, asking him to intervene on the issue of Special Commissioner (Revenue), GBA, Munish Moudgil verbally abusing and mentally harassing lower-ranking officials.

Association president A Amruth Raj said the delegation will meet Shivakumar as Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar failed to do so.

"We have sought a date and time from the DCM's office," Raj said. The association, in its representation, demanded that the government either discipline the officer and direct him to change his behaviour or transfer him in the interest of employees, many of whom are under severe stress due to his alleged conduct.

"Derogatory words such as 'idiot', 'stupid', 'I will kill you' and 'I will hang you' are allegedly used during daily video chats," the release stated.

Amruth Raj said the department's staff, many of whom have over 25 years of service, unanimously feel they have never encountered such behaviour from any officer in the past.

Responding to the development, Moudgil said, "I have recommended suspension and disciplinary proceedings against revenue officers who harassed citizens by unjustifiably rejecting their e-Khata applications. Following this, false and baseless claims have been made by the GBA officers and Staff Sangha, including allegations that I used unparliamentary words during reviews. These allegations are completely unfounded and are attempts to shield errant officers."

RAGING DISSENT

BJP workers burn an effigy in Chikkamagaluru on Friday during a protest against the alleged killing of a Hindu youth in Bangladesh | PTI

Call to turn Jakkur into a green space

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

AS the Jakkur aerodrome flying school looks at shifting, environmentalists and scientists are urging the government to develop the land as a large green space instead of opening it up for real estate.

They warn that any construction could damage the Gandhi Krishi Vijnana Kendra (GKVK), a biodiversity heritage zone and its linked ecosystems, located close to the aerodrome.

Scientists argue that the aerodrome land offers a rare opportunity to strengthen city's shrinking greens. Ganesan, a scientist and botanist associated with the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, said the land should be converted into a dense green space on the lines of Lalbagh. "Instead of construction, it should be developed as a biodiversity or botanical park with extensive tree cover and diverse plant species, complementing the GKVK campus," he said.

GKVK currently houses the University of Agricultural Sciences and supports teaching, research, and important plant collections. Converting the aerodrome into a green zone would create mini-ecosystems that support birds, insects, and wildlife. If these landscapes are fragmented, biodiversity will decline. Native plants, in particular, help Bengaluru act as a green corridor that allows birds and animals to move through the city. Without this continuity, species will become generic, said Ganesan.

If construction is allowed, he warns, GKVK could become an ecological "island" surrounded by concrete, further reducing Bengaluru's already limited breathing spaces.

Veteran environmentalist Suresh Heblikar said unchecked construction using concrete, steel, and glass has already raised temperatures, worsened air pollution, and lowered groundwater levels. He urged authorities to either leave the aerodrome as is or convert it into a tree park with grasses, shrubs, and small water bodies to compensate for ecological losses elsewhere.

NM Ganesh Babu, Director of EcoScape India, said, "Any major construction nearby will directly affect this biodiversity-rich campus through dust, noise, and vibration."

GKVK is separated from the Jakkur aerodrome only by a road and any construction activity there will directly affect this biodiversity-rich campus, he added.

K'taka trio shines at Youth Para Games

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THREE young para athletes from the state bagged prizes at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 held in Dubai, winning three gold and two silver medals for India across track and field events.

Mohit Pal from Nelamangala won two gold and a silver medal. Competing in the partially blind category, Mohit secured gold in the 100 metres and 200 metres races, and added a silver medal in the 400 metres. Mohit has been training for the past two years while managing personal and financial constraints. His father works as a driver and his mother is a homemaker.

Soumya from Chamarajanagar won the 1500 metres event in the partially blind category. Soumya's maintained a strong pace throughout the race to finish on top.

The athletes who won medals at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025 held in Dubai

The fifth medal came from Mysuru-based athlete Bharathi Bharathesh, who competed in the cerebral palsy category. Bharathi won a silver medal in long jump.

All three athletes were trained at the Indian Athletic Academy in Jayanagar, Bengaluru. The academy is led by international athlete and coach Roshan Bachchan, along with coach Vikram, a former state and national-level athlete. According to the coaching staff, the athletes underwent structured training programmes focusing on technique, endurance and consistency.

Bachchan said the academy began working closely with para athletes in 2018 and expanded its training efforts after the COVID-19 pandemic by setting up specialised facilities. He said preparations are now underway for upcoming international competitions, including the World Para Athletics Grand Prix and other senior-level events.

EXPRESS READ

BSWML fines Mathikere apartment residents Rs 30,000 for waste segregation breach

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) on Friday imposed a penalty of Rs 30,000 on the residents of an apartment in Mathikere, under the Bengaluru West City Corporation, for non-segregation of waste. According to officials, the civic body has repeatedly stressed the importance of segregating waste into wet, dry and medical categories, in compliance with Solid Waste Management Rules, and handing it over to the civic body or authorised bulk waste collectors. However, two residents of Gowri Apartment were found disposing of mixed waste. As a result, the civic agency imposed a fine of Rs 15,000 each on the two residents. Similarly, in the Bengaluru North City Corporation limits, marshals imposed fines in four cases related to roadside garbage dumping. A senior BSWML official said that thousands of auto-tippers have been deployed across Bengaluru to collect waste from households daily. "Despite repeated appeals and adequate collection infrastructure, many residents continue to mix waste or dump garbage at street corners. To send a strong message and ensure compliance, penalties are being imposed," the official said. ENS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GREENNSURE TRADING PRIVATE LIMITED (GREENNSURE)

NO.5/2, KAY ARR TRUMPH, 102, 1st FLOOR, EAGLES ST, CMP CENTRE AND SCHOOL, BANGALORE, BANGALORE NORTH, KARNATAKA, INDIA - 560025.

NOTICE UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

1. The Person above-named, a company incorporated under the companies Act, 2013 (the applicant) has made an application under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for grant of category V License for Interstate Trading in Electricity in geographical region of India before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi. The Necessary details in respect of the applicant are giver hereunder:

(i) Share Capital

1. Authorized Share Capital	INR 2,00,00,000/-
2. Issued Share Capital	INR 2,00,00,000/-
3. Subscribed Share Capital	INR 2,00,00,000/-
4. Paid Up Share Capital	INR 2,00,00,000/-

(ii) Shareholding Pattern (Details of Shareholders)

Name of the Shareholder	Citizenship	Residential status	Type of Shares	No. of Shares	% age
NAGESWARAN MAGESWARAN	Indian	Resident	Equity	90,000	4.50%
SADHASIVAM VIGNESH	Indian	Resident	Equity	90,000	4.50%
GREENNSURE POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	Indian	NA	Equity	20,000	1.00%
GREENNSURE POWER PRIVATE LIMITED	Indian	NA	Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares	18,00,000	90%

(iii) Financial and Technical Strength – GREENNSURE team has extensive experience in power trading, power operations, and regulatory compliance, and meets all requisite financial criteria to operate power trading activities in accordance with CERC norms.

(iv) Management Profile of applicant including details of experiences of the applicant and/or the person on the management of the applicant in generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or similar activity-

a. **Mr. Mageswaran N - Director** is an enterprising leader with an MBA in Marketing and a B.Tech in Energy & Environmental Engineering from TNAU, Coimbatore. With 12+ years of experience, he specializes in renewable power, open access power facilitation, solar rooftop solutions, captive power, and regulatory compliance. He has worked across major DISCOMs in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, and manages over 750 MW of renewable energy projects under Open Access in India.

b. **Mr. Vignesh Sadhasivam - Director** is a young entrepreneur with an MBA in Marketing and a B.Tech in Energy & Environmental Engineering from TNAU, Coimbatore, giving him strong expertise in power marketing and the renewable energy sector. With over 10+ years of experience in Business Development and Finance, he is proficient in renewable power, open access facilitation, solar rooftop solutions, contractual negotiations, captive power, and regulatory and policy frameworks of electricity boards.

(v) Volume of electricity intended to be traded during the first year after grant of license and future plans of the applicant to expand volume of trading - GREENNSURE aims to commence inter-state/intra-state trading operations in India by tying up contracts of expected **200 MU per year** during its first year and is expected to increase marginally at 10% per annum over the subsequent 5 years.

(vi) Geographical area within which the applicant will undertake trading in electricity – All India and the area as may be permitted under the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003 and relevant regulations.

(vii) Net worth as on 31st March of three consecutive years immediately preceding the year of application or for such lesser period as may be applicable and on the dated of the special balance sheet accompanying the application-

	As per Special Balance sheet dated 15.12.2025	As on 31.03.2025
Net Worth	Rs. 2,00,12,580/-	NA

(viii) Year-wise current ratio and liquidity ratio of the applicant for three preceding the year in which the application is made, or for such lesser period as may be applicable and on the date of the special balance sheet accompanying the application:

	As per Special Balance sheet dated 15.12.2025	As on 31.03.2025
Current Ratio	6254.93:1	NA
Liquidity Ratio	6254.93:1	NA

(ix) GREENNSURE is authorized to undertake trading in electricity under the MoA in the main object are To establish and Carry on the business of trading in electricity and act as a trader in sale and purchase of electricity and electrical energy in any form and in any market including power exchange and derivative market and by any process and in any fuel, derivative and enter into demand side management contracts energy Conversional contracts including energy performance contract, megawatt contract enter into contract for banking of electricity or any other contract and to operate as on electricity as on energy trading company and to get registered with appropriate agency in accordance with the electricity act 2003 or any other act regulations/rules framed therein, policy, guidelines laid down by the central government/state government or any nodal agency from time to time or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and do all act and things necessary or required for doing aforesaid business, including providing advisory and consultancy in issue related energy and trading of Energy

To generate electrical power by wind power by converting wind energy into a useful form of energy using wind turbines and also by conventional, non-conventional, thermal, solar, hydel, and tidal waves, to develop and accumulate electrical power at the place or laces contemplated by the licenses obtained from government and transmit, trade, distribute and supply of power.

(x) Details of cases, if any, where the applicant or any of his associates, or partner, or promoters, or directors has been declared insolvent and has not been discharged – **None**.

(xi) Details of cases, if any, in which the Applicant or any of his Associates or partners or Promoters or Directors has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, fraud or any economic offence during the previous three years preceding the year of making the application and the year of making the applicant and the date of release of the above person from imprisoned, if any, consequent to such conviction – **None**

(xii) Whether the Applicant or any of his Associates, or partners or promoters, of Directors was ever refused license, and if so the detailed particular of the application, date of making application date of order refusing license and reasons for such refusal – **NO**

(xiii) Whether the Applicant has been granted a license for transmission of electricity –**NO**

(xiv) Whether an order cancelling the license of the Applicant, or any of his Associates, or Partners, or promoters, or Directors has been passed by the Commission – **NO**

(xv) Whether the Applicant or any of his Associates, or partners, or promoters or Directors ever found guilty in any proceedings for contravention non-compliance of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules or the regulations made thereunder or an order made by the Appropriate Commission, during the year of making the application or five years immediately preceding that year? –**NO**

2. The application made and other documents filed before the Commission are available for inspection by any person with Mr. Vignesh Sadhasivam, No.5/2, Kay Arr Trumph, 102, 1st Floor, Eagles St, CMP Centre And School, Bangalore, Bangalore North, Karnataka, India, 560025. Mobile: +91 7349264332, E-Mail:accounts@greennsure.com

3. The application made and other documents filed before the Commission have been posted on www.greennsure.com

4. Objection and suggestion, If any, on the Application made before the commission may sent to the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi- 110029; E-mail: secy@cercind.gov.in within 30 days of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant.

5. No objections or suggestions shall be considered by the commission if received after expiry of 30 days of publication of this notice.

Mr. Vignesh Sadhasivam
(Director)
DIN: 07660510

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 27.12.2025

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(YERMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN-U40101KA2009PLC049582

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

RPCL invites bids through GoK KPP Portal **https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed bidders for **1) KPCL/2025-26/IND2223/CALL-2 dtd. 19.12.2025:** Procurement of LED fittings for YTPS on ARC basis for 2 years. **2) KPCL/2025-26/IND2156/CALL-2 dtd. 19.12.2025:** Procurement of flexible copper cables. **3) KPCL/2025-26/IND2267 dtd. 18.12.2025:** Procurement of Sulphuric Acid. **4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2266 dtd. 17.12.2025:** Procurement of various sizes of butterfly valves for use in AHP. Last date for receipt of tenders *(for Sl. No. 1, & 2)*: **02.01.2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.** *(for Sl. No. 3, & 4)*: **01.01.2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer(MSP),** RPCL, YTPS, Yermarus-584 134, Raichur Dist. Mob.: 9945532392, e-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com

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Ref.No.: MEIL/2025-26/SE0022 DATE: 26.12.2025

NOTIFICATION

Award of Contract for Transportation of Goods within Karnataka by Road under proper care.

Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **26.12.2025. (2)** Last date for submission of Queries: **02.01.2026. (3)** Last date for submission of Technical & Financial Bids(Cover I & II): **08.01.2026. (4)** Opening of Technical Bids: **10.01.2026. (5)** Opening of Financial Bids: **12.01.2026. Visit us at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Procurement)

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BGKUJ/RO/2025-26/1217 **PRESS NOTE** Date:26.12.2025

-:Short TermTender Notification (Through E-Procurement):-

The Registrar, Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi invites Short term Tender through e-procurement for annual rate contract of vehicles on hire basis to Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi from **26.12.2025**. Desired eligible suppliers/Agency may apply before **03.01.2026** by **5.00 PM** through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further information kindly visit University website **www.bgku.karnataka.gov.in** or the Estate Office at University.

Sd/-
Registrar
Bagalkot University, Jamkhandi

Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.
Asset Reconstruction
Registered Office: 11th Floor, North Side, R-Tech Park Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East) Mumbai- 400063.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The below mentioned borrowers availed credit facilities from **Indian School Finance Company Pvt. Ltd**. As borrowers have failed to maintain the financial discipline, the loan account has been classified as non-performing assets (NPA) by Indian School Finance Company Pvt. Ltd. on 31/12/2021 in accordance with the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. Indian School Finance Company Pvt. Ltd vide Assignment Agreement dated 31/03/2022 assigned the financial assets of following borrowers along with all its right, title and interest together with all underlying security interests in favor of **Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited trustee of RARC 071 TRUST – TRANCHIE 2 TRUST**

Pursuant to said assignment the undersigned authorized officer in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the said Act r/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had sent the demand notices dated 13/10/2025 through registered post, thereby calling upon the borrowers to repay the entire outstanding mentioned in said notices with further interest thereon within a period of 60 days from the date of Notice. However, as demand notices could not be served some of the parties mentioned below, the same is hereby served upon the borrowers by way of alternative mode of service.

Details are as follows:-

Name & Add of Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors etc.

1.M/S. ST.MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, Represented By Its Authorised Signatory, #674, Garvebhavipalaya,Madiwala Post, Hosur Main Road,Bangalore, Karnataka-560068.
2.M/S. GARVEBHAVIPALYA ST. MARY'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY, Represented By Its Authorised Signatory, #674, Garvebhavipalaya,Madiwala Post, Hosur Main Road,Bangalore, Karnataka-560068
3.MRS. NIMMIE M D/O MATHAI T Y, #674, Near St.Mary's School Building , Garvebhavipalaya, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore Bommanahalli,Karnataka - 560068.
4.MR.MATHAI T Y S/O YOHANNAN THENAKARA, #674, St.Mary's School Building , Garvebhavipalaya, Hosur Main Road,Sai Baba Temple, Bangalore South, Karnataka - 560068.
5.MR. PRABHA J N S/O NARASIMHA GOWDA, 118-2, Hosur Main Road,Konappana Agrahara,Rajanna Building Spal, Electronic City, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560100.
6.MR. KUNHUMON .M.K S/0 KUTTAPPAN, Mavelil, Enthumkari, Angadi Kadavu,Thalassery District-Kannur, Kerala - 670706.

Outstanding Amount As on 13/10/2025: Rs. 1,11,83,658.19/-(Rupees One crore Eleven lakh Eighty Three thousand Six hundred Fifty Eight and Nineteen paisa Only)

Details of Secured Movables/Immovable Properties: -

Schedule No.1-Chittor District , Palamaner Sub Registrar Office , Gangavaram Mandal & Mandal Parishad, Gangavaram Panchayat, Gangavaram Revenue Village , Gangavaram, 4th Ward, Srilaka Colony Quarters residential area self acquired property and in Panchayathi records plot No.44 vacant site in possession and enjoyment of Schedule property Dry Sy No.315 with Extent Ac 14.34 cents **bounded as under: North-** Previously site of Md Jaffer Present road, **South-** 29 ft Road, **East-** Plot No.43, **West-** Plot No. 45. **East west:** 27ft or 8.229 mts, **North west:** 50 ft or 15.240 mts **having total 1350 sq.ft or 150 sq.yards**

Schedule No.2- Chittor District , Punganur Sub Registrar Office , Peddapanjani Mandal & MPP, Sankarayulapeta Grama Panchayathi , Sankarayulapeta group, Sankarayulapeta Village, Sy.No.10/1C4D, Total upside Plot No.6 of Vacant site East West 60 ft (18.290mts) North South 20 ft (6.096mts) or 1200 Sq. ft or 133.33 Sq.yards of Vacant Site **bounded as under: North-** Vacant site of own plot No.5of Syed Ahmed S.Moula Veerla, **South-** Vacant Site in Plot No.7 of Executant, **East-** Road leads to Punganuru to Baireddypalli,, **West-** Vacant Site in Plot No.42 of Executant. Within these boundaries an extent of 1200 Sq.ft or 133.33 Yards of vacant site and with all esemantary rights appurtenant thereto

In case of failure to repay the aforesaid entire outstanding amount within a period of 60 days, the undersigned shall be constrained to enforce the above secured assets under the provisions of SARFAESI Act.Please note that as per Section 13 (13) of the said Act, you are restrained from dealing with or transferring any of the secured assets referred to herewith, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise. Any contravention of this provision is an offence and punishable under SARFAESI Act.

Date:- 27.12.2025 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place:- Chittoor District **Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.**
Andhra Pradesh

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स), भुवनेश्वर
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(A Statutory body under aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
Sijua, Post-Dumuduma, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) -751019

DEANAC-25015/1/2023-DEAN ACADEMIC/4356 Date:26th December, 2025

ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2026 SESSION AT AIIMS, BHUBANESWAR

Online Applications **(Online Recruitment Portal)** are invited from eligible candidates for appointment as fellowship programme at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

NUMBER OF VACANCIES: 14

Eligibility criteria (age, qualification, etc.), requisite fee and other details, are available on www.aiimsbhubaneswar.nic.in vide Advertisement No:DEANAC-25015/1/2023-DEAN ACADEMIC/4344, Date: 23rd December, 2025.

Any query please contact Academic Section, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. (Email-ID: acad_rectt@aiimsbhubaneswar.edu.in)

Candidates are advised to visit our website www.aiimsbhubaneswar.nic.in. regularly for latest update.

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REGISTRAR
AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

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DEANAC-25012/1/2023-DEAN ACADEMIC /4357 Dated: 26/12/2025

NOTICE

REOPENING OF SENIOR RESIDENT (NON-ACADEMIC) ADVERTISEMENT

Reference: Advertisement No. **DEANAC-25012/1/2023-DEAN ACADEMIC-(Part 2)/4044 dated 07.11.2025,** and Addendum/ Corrigendum vide Advertisement No. **DEANAC-25012/1/2023-DEAN ACADEMIC/4199 dated 27.11.2025.**

1. It is hereby informed that, due to administrative reasons, the above-mentioned advertisement is **reopened (23.12.2025)** for submission of **online applications only** through the official website **aiimsbhubaneswar.nic.in** (Recruitment –> Recruitment Notice –> Online Recruitment) for a period of **10 (ten) days, i.e. up to 01.01.2026 (11:59 P.M.).**

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Any query please contact Academic Section, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. (Email-ID: acad_rectt@aiimsbhubaneswar.edu.in)

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REGISTRAR
AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.16/I, MILLERS TANK BED AREA, BANGALORE-560 052
Ph: 080-2226 0932 E-mail: admnkfcsc123@yahoo.com

No:KFCSC/MKT/INDIRA KIT/02/2025-26/ Date: 26.12.2025

NOTIFICAITON

Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Bangalore Invites "Request for Proposal for Selection of Transaction Advisor Consultants for Selection of Vendor for Supply and Distribution of Indira Kit Scheme"

The RFP and other information can be obtained from the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** e-procurement portal.

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Managing Director

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A POCSO case registered at the Belagavi Rural police station has taken a new twist, with the headmaster of a government school controversially securing bail at the police station itself after his arrest for sexually assaulting a student being re-arrested and remanded to judicial custody. The second arrest follows a TNIE report on Friday, describing how POCSO cases in Belagavi triggered a political storm

Finish Line 2025

WILDLIFE

Rising man-animal conflicts leave farmers worried

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

AS the year draws to a close, Karnataka finds itself at the crossroads of human–wildlife conflicts (HWC). What began as a usual HWC ballooned into one of the most fraught chapters in the state's environmental narrative this year with fear and grief rubbing shoulders with wildlife management, tourism, livelihoods and law.

Wildlife in the state, tigers and elephants in particular, has increased due to decades of protection. But this success story has a downside. With more big animals and shrinking natural corridors, conflicts have soared with many incidents of elephants and tigers venturing into farms this year.

In Mysuru region, the situation was especially tense. In October and November, multiple tiger attacks in fringe villages around Saragur and Hunsur shook rural life. In just a few weeks, three villagers lost their lives in tiger maulings, and several more were injured.

Elephants were no less with many incidents being reported in Hassan and Kodagu districts.

Between mid-October and mid-December, forest teams captured 26 tigers in Mysuru district, including many cubs in an effort to defuse conflict and prevent further human casualties. While officials said these operations were to remove potentially dangerous animals from conflict zones, wildlife experts and conservationists argued that many wild animals were trapped indiscriminately. In some cases, young cubs were separated from their mothers in ways that may have long-term impacts on their survival and on local tiger dynamics.

Compounding the problem was a critical shortage of wildlife veterinarians and field support staff. Even the assurance of setting up a permanent cadre for the wildlife veterinarians remained only in papers.

The rise in conflicts did not just affect villagers but it rippled across the tourism economy as well, particularly in the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves. In early November, following a series of fatal tiger attacks, the state government suspended all safari and trekking operations in these reserves.

Another flashpoint this year was the proliferation of resorts and homestays around forest edges, particularly in Kabini and Bandipur. While long-term solutions are floated, including restoring wildlife corridors, smarter land-use planning, AI technology, community-led early warning systems and technology-aided monitoring, the new year will tell how well it is implemented.

2025: A MIXED BAG FOR WILDLIFE, FORESTS

PRAVEEN BHARGAV
Trustee of Wildlife First and former member of the National Board for Wildlife

THE year 2025 has been a turbulent year for wildlife conservation. The forest department had to encounter three major problems – burgeoning human–wildlife conflict (HWC), continued fragmentation of forests and inertia on voluntary resettlement projects. All three involve complex issues that need the application of good science, field knowledge and political will. As one looks back at these issues that played out during the year, the fault lines become evident.

First, the aggravation of HWC in the Bandipur–Nagarahole landscape has primarily been caused by ecologically unnecessary habitat manipulations like grassland creation, construction of water holes, check dams and such other earth moving and civil works. Such lucrative civil works are enabled by big budgets that get sanctioned without independent ecological scrutiny. In 2024–25, the budget was a whopping 49.97 crore. The reality is that recoveries of tigers in Bandipur–Nagarahole areas happened in the past on shoe-string budgets. Even today, these reserve forests can be fully protected with around Rs 10 crore.

This year, both people and wildlife have suffered due to HWC. While four people have died, as many as 15 tigers have reportedly been rescued. When there are persistent attacks on humans, tigers that get pushed out of reserve forests need to be captured or eliminated. However, the capture of a tiger in the core area of Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve and a mature bull elephant from inside the Kudremukh National Park this year was illogical since such protected areas are meant for wild animals.

Second, the forest department is under immense pressure from elected representatives to approve conversion of forest land for both ill-planned development projects and for regularising encroachments. In 2025, the wildlife clearance process hit a new low, with conditional approval granted to the hugely destructive Sharavathy Pumped Storage project.

More than 100 road, pipeline, powerline and other projects deep inside wildlife reserves, proposed this year, are waiting for clearance. Many projects are based on ad-hoc demands of elected representatives. Several of them, tagged as necessary development projects, are in reality redundant, hugely detrimental to wildlife conservation and drain the coffers.

Official data on encroachment shows that altogether 1,87,217 acres of forest land have been converted. Such encroachments in bits and pieces are a major cause of forest fragmentation, which is scientifically considered to be a serious threat.

Social justice to landless people must be delivered. But doing so by regularising encroachments in large forest blocks and demarcated corridors, aggravates the impact of fragmentation. Tackling such forest encroachments requires political will which, unfortunately, is lacking.

However this year, there have been some remarkable interventions by Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre, especially in a major case of forest land grabbing that surfaced in November this year.

The third issue, intertwined with the above, is about the urgent need to fast-track voluntary resettlement projects. In May this year, around 25 families voluntarily relocated from Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary. Other than this, there has been no progress on this hugely important activity, which is a win-win solution for both people and wildlife, and helps in minimising human-wildlife conflict.

The Supreme Court, in a major judgment delivered on November 17, 2025, has clearly held that 'critical tiger habitats' notified under both Wildlife Act and the Forest Rights Act are to be treated equally and that compensatory afforestation funds should be earmarked for voluntary village relocation to ensure inviolate core/critical tiger habitats. The court also held that such voluntary relocation should be financially assisted in areas of strategic ecological value.

In another important Order, the Supreme Court on February 3, 2025, directed that the Government, both the Central and states, shall not take any steps which will lead to reduction of forests unless compensatory land is provided. Further on May 15, 2025, the Apex Court directed all states to reclaim forest lands illegally allotted to individuals or institutions and to form an SIT to inquire into such cases.

In conclusion, this year has been a mixed bag for forests and wildlife in the state, with the silver lining being the major orders of the Supreme Court that continue to strengthen conservation efforts.

3 pregnancies reported in state schools in 6 months

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

WITH a new case being reported at a private school at Chennarayapatna in Hassan district, the number of teenaged students becoming pregnant have reached three within six months in Karnataka.

Experts, including the chairman of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, have highlighted that the absence of child protection policies and committees in schools, lack of awareness about Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, lack of awareness about the process of reproduction and ignorance of parents arfe leading to such incidents.

The commission's chairman Shashidhar Kosambe said, "The main reason is not implementing the Karnataka State Child Protection Policy, 2016, in schools, especially at residential schools like those in Yadgir and Koppal where such incidents have taken place."

According to the policy, the commission must have two teachers or school officials and two outsiders who work in the interest of child rights, so that there is no prejudice whenever complaints are filed.

"It is the commission's duty to monitor children and school staff. They must organise awareness drives on the child protection policy, POCSO Act and sexual abuse for children and school staff, besides including sex education in the curriculum. Police must be informed immediately when a violation is detected. The policy and the commission must become part of the ecosystem and shouldn't be treated as extra work," he said.

Psychiatry professor at ESI hospital, Rajajinagar, Dr Chandrashekar said, "Many adolescent girls become pregnant when they are sexually abused by their male friends. The victims undergo a lot of physical changes and mental trauma because of the way others respond. Therefore, whenever we come across a pregnant teenager, especially the victims of sexual abuse, we provide counselling to the victim as her family members."

EXPRESS READ

Khandre seeks report on black buck poaching

Shivamogga: Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has sought a detailed report on the poaching of three black bucks in Kadur taluk on Tuesday. The carcasses of three black bucks, suspected to be shot dead by poachers, were found near Basur Kaval. Forest officials burnt the carcasses after conducting an autopsy in the same evening in presence of CCFO Yashpal Ksheerasagar, DCFO Rajmesh bazbu, Yagati PSI Manjunath, Green activist G Viresh and Wild Care Centre president Madhu Mugtihalli. ENS

BEFORE THE HON'BLE LXXXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CH-87) (DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT, AT BENGALURU) COMM. OS. NO. 47/2022

BETWEEN: Eureka Forbes Limited,
A company having its registered office at, B1/B2, 701, 7th Floor, Marathon Innova, Off Ganpatrao, Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400 013.
And Branch Office at : No. 8/3 Sreenidhi Arcade, 2nd floor, 13th Cross Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560 027, Represented by Mr. Dinesh .....PLAINTIFF

AND: 1. Sureka Forbes Private Limited, No. 579, 69th Cross, Kumarswamy layout, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560 070. **Also at:** No. 5, Kalkere Main Road, Near Krishna Green Meadows Apartment, Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru 560 016. .....DEFENDANT No. 1

2. Balaji Uday Kumar, Director Sureka Forbes Limited, S/o R Balaji, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 34, 3rd floor, 10th B Main Road, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bengaluru 560 011 .....DEFENDANT No. 2

3. Naresh Mahadevan, Director Sureka Forbes Limited, Major, father's name not known, Residing at No. 579, 69th Cross, Kumarswamy layout, BSK II Stage, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560 070 .....DEFENDANT No. 3

4. Forbes Technovative (P) Limited, No. 34, 3rd floor, 10th B Main, Opp. Cosmo Club, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 011 .....DEFENDANT No. 4

5. Anand Naik, Director, Forbes Technovative (P) Limited, & Ion Exacense Private Limited, Father name not known, Residing at No. 74, 2nd floor, 30th cross, 4th block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560 011. .....DEFENDANT No. 5

6. Murthy Naik, Director, Forbes Technovative (P) Limited, & Ion Exacense Private Limited, Father name not known, Residing at No. 74, 2nd floor, 30th cross, 4th block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560 011. .....DEFENDANT No. 6

7. Ion Exacense Private Limited, No. 34, 3rd floor, 10th B Main, Opp. Cosmo Club, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 011 .....DEFENDANT No. 7

8. Aqua Care Ion Exacense, No. 34, 3rd floor, 10th B Main, Opp. Cosmo Club, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 011 .....DEFENDANT No. 8

9. John Doe/Ashok Kumar .....DEFENDANT No. 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that in the matter of Eureka Forbes Limited vs. Sureka Forbes Private Limited and Others, being Commercial Original Suit No.47 of 2022, filed before the Hon'ble Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Dedicated Commercial Court (CH-87) at Bengaluru, relating to trademark and copyright infringement of the Plaintiff company Eureka Forbes Limited.

The Plaintiff has filed the captioned suit seeking, *inter alia*: Permanent injunctions restraining the Defendants, their partners, employees, agents, distributors, franchisees, representatives, and assigns from manufacturing, selling, marketing, advertising, exporting, or supplying any goods or services that infringe upon or pass off as those of the Plaintiff, or from using any trade name or mark deceptively similar to that of the Plaintiff; Mandatory injunctions directing the Defendants to disclose details of persons or entities involved in the infringing activities and to recall and hand over all infringing materials, goods, and promotional content for destruction; and Rendition of accounts and payment of damages, including mesne profits and exemplary compensation, for the unlawful use of the Plaintiff's intellectual property.

During the course of the ongoing proceedings, John Doe/Ashok Kumar has been impleaded as Defendant No.9, representing unknown persons or entities engaged in similar infringing activities vide order passed by the Hon'ble Commercial Court dated September 24, 2025.

Accordingly, any person or entity having any objection to the said impleadment or claiming to be affected by the proceedings is hereby notified to appear before the **Hon'ble Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, (Commercial Court- CH 87), Bengaluru on January 28, 2026 (date) at 11 AM (time),** either in person or through an authorized representative, to state their objections, if any.

If no appearance or objection is made on or before the said date, the matter shall proceed in accordance with law.

Given Under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 19-12-2025 at Bengaluru

Advocate for the Plaintiff
Akshay. B.M., Advocate
Allied Law Practices, 1/1 Millers Road, 3rd Floor, Millers Arcade, Millers Road, Vasant Nagar, Bangalore - 560052

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
MS. SHRUTHI T Loan A/c No. 4002210002461 Physical Possession Date-23/12/2025	09/07/2025	Rs. 5848759.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.34, BBMP Khata No.2/253, formed in land bearing Sy.No.253, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (E) SR (KH) 128/2012-13 dated 11-02-2013, SANKALPA Green Park Residential Layout, situated at Kalkere Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangaluru East Taluk, now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalure Mahanagar PAlike, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 46 Feet and North to South : (Eastern Side) 14 Feet (Western side) 35 feet/2 = 24 feet, 46 X 24 = 1104 Sq. Feet in total measuring 1104 sq. Feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on : East by: Remaining portion of the same Sy.No.253 land, West by: Site NO.35, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.
MS. SHILPA S MR. KARTHIK SRINIVASAN Loan A/c No. 412100004313 Physical Possession Date-23/12/2025	06/11/2023	Rs. 3305423.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Vacant property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.122-F, BBMP Sl.No.727, formed out of Survey No.5/2, converted from agricultural to agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes, vide its Official Memorandum No.ALN(E)(SR)(KH) 120/2012-13, dated 15.03.2013, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at K.Channasandra Village, Krishnarajpuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike (BBMP), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South 32 feet, in all measuring 800 Square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East by: Site No.76-F, West by: Remaining Portion of Site No.122-F, North by: Site No.122-E, South by: Road.
MR. JAYAKANTH P MS. N JEEVITHA Loan A/c No. 411500006388 Symbolic Possession Date-23/12/2025	01/09/2025	Rs. 3554660.00	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted survey no.15, now assigned new BBMP katha No.199-151, (converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide conversion No.ALN(PU)KH/SR/69/2013-14, dated 28.03.2014, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Seegehalli, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring about 37 ½ guntas, and bounded on the : East by: land in Sy.No.14; West by: 30 feet Road and remaining portion of same survey no.15 belongs to owners/vendors hereafter land in Survey no.16 belonged Munivenkataravana, North by: remaining portion of land in survey no.15 belongs to Bramhendra & Diwakhar, South by: land in Sy.No.16 belongs to Hyder Sab. SCHEDULE "B" : 515 square feet of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the schedule "A" above. SCHEDULE "C" Flat bearing No.118, in the First Floor, measuring about 1096 Square Feet of super built up area, containing Two bed Rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring together with One covered Car Parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc in the multistoried residential building known as "SVS SUNRISE", constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.12.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring the notice to the General Public that the Originally **Sri. K. Rama Reddy** S/o Late Konda Reddy was owned the Immovable Residential Property Land building bearing Municipal Corporation No.10, Situated at 2nd Cross Road, L.C.Shankarappa Extension, Lakkasandara, Bangalore, (Old Site Nos. 62 Previously Corporation Assigned No.62/10) PID No.63-9-10 in B. B. M. P. Ward No. 146- Lakkasandara Bangalore having purchased the same through Registered Sale Deed dated 22.09.1973, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Jayanagar Bangalore. And thereafter the said Sri. K. Rama Reddy has executed a Registered Gift Deed out of love and affection in favour his wife Smt. N. Ammaiahamma @ Nanjamma through Registered Gift Deed dated 11.02.2009, Thereafter the said Smt. N. Ammaiahamma @ Nanjamma has executed Registered Gift Deed out of love and affection in favour her brothers Sri. N. Srinivasa Reddy, and Sri. N. Gopala Reddy, & Sri. Krishna Reddy, through Registered Gift Deed dated 11.02.2009,

both Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Shanthinagar Bangalore. Now the Khata and E-Khata stands in the names of the vendors herein in respect of the schedule property. My clients Mrs. Seema Tabassum D/o Late S. Ayaz Ahmed, duly Rep.by her G.P.A. Holder Mrs. Sher Banu W/o Late S. Ayaz Ahmed, resident of Bangalore (M) 9900088487 has intents to purchase the schedule property with the Present Vendors, if any person/s having asserting any right, title, interest, or claims, intending to oppose the purchase in any manner whatsoever, may file their objections with documentary proof within 15 days hereof, where after, no such claims or objections will be entertained, and my clients shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as bonafide purchasers.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property Land building bearing Municipal Corporation No. 10, Situated at 2nd Cross Road, L.C.Shankarappa Extension, Lakkasandara, Bangalore, (Old Site Nos. 62 Previously Corporation Assigned No. 62/10) PID No.63-9-10 in B. B. M. P. Ward No.146- Lakkasandara Bangalore New E-Khata PID. No.3338116113 ULPIN LOCATION PLUS CODE Sl. No.2690936, Measuring East to West 30 Feet North to South 45 Feet. Totally measuring 1350 Sq.Feet, with building structure standing thereon with all civic amenities. And bounded on the East by : Property bearing No.60, West by: Property bearing No.9, North by: Property bearing No.77 & 78, South by : Road.

HAFEEZULLA KHAN M, ARIFULLA KHAN, Advocate
#11/9, Bowring Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore - 560 001. Mob: 9480071528/9449108941, Date:26-12-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Viz. **Smt. Honnagangamma, Smt. Puttarevamma, Smt. Nagaratna, Smt. Usha** All are Daughters of Late. Muddappa.

The said Owners assured my client that they are the absolute owners having absolute right, tittle, ownership, possession and enjoyment and They have every right to sell the Schedule Property in favour of my client and the Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, leases, lien or hold and it has clear marketable tittle. If any person/s having any objection for the said sale transaction with respect to the schedule property he /she/ they make contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/lien details/dispute within (7) seven days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above said owners as if there is no third party claims/objections/ disputes with respect of the schedule properties and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

Schedule Property.

All the piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.76/4 measuring to an extant of 00-33 Gutas and 00-05 Guntas Karab appended to it situated at Chinnakurchi Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South taluk. Bounded on East by:Land belongs to Revansiddappa, West by: Land belongs to Channaverappa,North by:Land belongs to Channaverappa and Lingaraju.T.S, Southby:Land belongs to Dasappa, Narayanappa and Basappa.

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BJP Chief Whip in Legislative Council N Ravi Kumar said that the Congress high command has failed to end the leadership crisis in the state, and governance has taken a hit. He said the Congress government in Karnataka has failed on all fronts

PMK FEUD INTENSIFIES

Legal notice issued against Anbumani; top neta expelled

Notice said any alliances undertaken with Anbumani in PMK's name is illegal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE tug of war between the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) factions reached a flashpoint on Friday, as party founder **S Ramadoss**, through a legal notice, warned his son **Anbumani Ramadoss** against using the party's name, flag, or symbol, and in retaliation, the latter expelled GK Mani — a staunch supporter of Ramdoss — from the party.

The legal notice issued on behalf of the PMK founder said, according to the verdict of the Delhi High Court dated December 4, Anbumani has no right to claim the position of PMK president, nor any rights to use the party's name, flag or symbol. "Even after the court's ruling, any attempt by a person expelled from the party to project that the PMK is under his control by using the party's name constitutes an illegal political act intended to deceive the public," the legal notice appeared in daily newspapers said. "If any political party, individual, or organisation enters into electoral-related actions in the name of the PMK with Anbumani or with any other person, such action shall constitute an offence under law," the legal notice warned.

Anbumani faction said that Mani, who is now the honorary president of PMK, has been expelled from the party for his anti-party activities. The disciplinary action committee of the Anbumani faction had issued a show-cause notice to Mani on December 18. However, Mani failed to respond to the notice within the deadline of December 25.

"In the absence of any explanation from Mani regarding his anti-party activities, the committee recommended to the party president, Anbumani Ramadoss, that he be removed from the party's primary membership. Accepting this recommendation, Anbumani has announced that Mani stands removed from the primary membership of the PMK with immediate effect," the statement from the Anbumani faction said. Reacting to the announcement, Mani said , "I have been associating with Ramadoss for the past 46 years, and I served as the president of the party for 25 years. The PMK founder had said that Anbumani has been expelled from the party. In such a case, how can Anbumani expel me?"

> **The PMK founder had categorically said that Anbumani has been expelled from the party. In such a case, how can Anbumani expel me**
> – GK Mani, honorary president of PMK

C'durga accident: Bus driver succumbs, toll now 7

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Chitradurga

THE driver of the ill-fated private sleeper coach bus that collided with a truck on the Pune-Bengaluru National Highway 48 near Gorlathu Cross in Hiriyur taluk of Chitradurga district on Thursday succumbed at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi on Friday morning. With this, the total number of deaths in the accident has increased to seven, IGP (Eastern Range) Dr Ravikanthe Gowda said.

The driver, Mohammed Rafiq (38), had sustained injuries while jumping out of the bus. Hailing from Halagur village in Shiggavi taluk of Haveri district, Rafiq was first treated at Hiriyur government hospital, after which he was shifted to Chitradurga district hospital. Later, he was referred to KIMS Hospital in Hubballi, where he succumbed at 5 am on Friday.

Six people were charred to death after a truck collided with the private sleeper bus, resulting in a fire that engulfed both the vehicles. The container truck jumped the divider and rammed the private bus, which was heading from Bengaluru to Gokarna via Shivamogga. Five passengers of the bus and the truck driver, identified as Kuldeep Yadav from Haryana, died, while 28 passengers, who suffered injuries, were treated at government hospitals in Hiriyur, Sira, and Tumakuru and a private hospital in Sira. The condition of three patients was serious, and they were shifted to Bengaluru for further treatment.

The deceased are Bindu (29) and her daughter Greya (5) from Girinagar in Bengaluru; Manasa (27) and Navya (26) from Channarayapattna in Hassan district; Rashmi Mahale (24) from Shirali, Bhatkal, Uttara Kannada; truck driver Kuladeep Yadav (29) from Kithauli in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh; and bus driver Mohammed Rafiq (38) from Hulaguru village in Shiggavi taluk of Haveri district. Meanwhile, the bodies of the five passengers who were travelling in the ill-fated sleeper bus will be handed over to their relatives on Saturday.

Speaking to *TNIE*, IGP (Eastern Range) Dr Ravikanthe Gowda said, "Till we get the DNA reports, we cannot hand over the bodies. We are expecting the report on Saturday morning, after which the bodies will be handed over to their relatives. A team of doctors has collected the samples of both the victims and their kin and taken them to Hubballi FSL for identification."

Investigation will be conducted, says CM

Reacting to the accident, CM Siddaramaiah, said, "The police have said that it appears to be the truck driver fault. The truck was coming from the opposite direction and it crossed the divider and hit the bus. A probe will be conducted, he said.

TSUNAMI OF EMOTIONS

Fisherfolk offer floral tributes at Marina Beach, Chennai on the 21st anniversary of the 2004 tsunami on Friday | ASHWIN PRASATH

'Attackers worked at a cafe'

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AFTER the incident, the attackers went missing and the complainant was admitted to the Kumta Government Hospital. He stated in the complaint that he has a crack in the cheek bone and his eye was swollen.

The police said the attackers worked at a cafe nearby. "The premises were given out on monthly rent. The foreigner paid Rs 8,000, while his neighbours Rs 4,000," Gokarna Police Inspector Sridhar told TNIE. The American guest -- an artist and a musician -- arrived in Gokarna on November 30.

CAUSTIC SODA REACTION MAY HAVE TRIGGERED MYSURU BLAST

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GIVEN the blast occurred at a high-security and sensitive public location, officials from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) are expected to visit Mysuru to gather information related to the incident. However, officials have remained tight-lipped about the visit.

Meanwhile, a team from the Forensic Science Laboratory visited the blast site on Friday morning and continued collecting material evidence and technical inputs to determine the exact cause of the explosion.

Initial inputs suggest that the gas used for filling balloons may have been prepared by the deceased by mixing a powder-based concoction, though officials said the final cause would be confirmed only after detailed forensic analysis. Mysuru District in-charge Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa visited KR Hospital and enquired about the health of the injured. "The deceased was a seasonal vendor who sold various items depending on tourist seasons. This appears to be purely accidental," he said.

Deceased Manjula and Lakshmi

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> Dr HC Mahadevappa, Mysuru District in-charge Minister

He said the government will bear the medical expenses of all the injured. Asked about a possible NIA probe, he said that as per protocol, central agencies review incidents involving explosions, but clarified that there was no confirmation so far about it. On a complaint filed by injured Kotresh, the Devaraja police registered an FIR against the deceased Saleem under Sections 106 causing death by rash or negligent act), 125(a) and 125(5) (acts endangering life) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Section 98(1) of the Explosives Act, 1854.

An official said that Saleem was allegedly preparing the balloon-filling gas on his own using caustic soda (sodium hydroxide). Experts said that when caustic soda is mixed with water and comes into contact with aluminium, it results in a highly exothermic chemical reaction, releasing hydrogen gas. If this reaction takes place in a confined or pressurised container such as a cylinder, it can cause rapid pressure build-up, leading to an explosion. Investigators believe this could be the reason behind the blast. However, the exact cause would be confirmed after the final forensic analysis, they added.

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8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice

Appendix IV (Under Rule8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand notice dated 24-09-2025 calling upon the borrowers 1.Mr. Marianand, 2.Mrs. Sukanya And 3.Mr. Sri.S.Babu to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for HOME CONSTRUCTION LOAN in Loan Account No:ARMNGR0046667 of Rs.1392365/-(Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 22nd day of December 2025.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs.1404827/-(Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Only) as on 09.12.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Site No.190, carved out of Sy.No.24, V.P.katha No.665/190, situated at Agrahara Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP situated at Agrahara Layout, BBMP Khatha No.665/190, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and bounded on : is being bounded by:- of land and building and all other appurtenances attached to the said property. **Boundaries: North By:** Vacant Space, **South By:** Site No.189, **East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No.193.

Date: 22.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: AGRAHARA LAYOUT **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Limited**

SUNDARAM HOME — Sundaram Finance Group —
Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.
Branch Office: No. 8, Ground Floor, "Sai Prabhu"B-Street, Sirur Park, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.

DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both / all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13 (4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of the Secured Property
1	**Mr. Boris Tripura (Borrower)** Door No 49, Flat No 302, 1st Main, St Bed Layout, Kopamangala Bengaluru - 560034 **Mr. Tousifulla Baig (Guarantor)** No 2/2 T-3, 3rd Floor, Hani Residency, 11th Cross, Kanakanagar, Indian Public School, R T Nagar, Bengalore - 560032.	**File No. BNG20250036** Outstanding amount **Rs. 56,15,521/-** (As on 29/11/2025) along with further interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment)	**Schedule A (Description of the Entire Property):** All that piece and parcel of the property, converted land vide Orders of conversion bearing Nos. (a) B.Dis. ALN(A)/SR/366/2004/2005 dated 28/01/2005, (b) B.Dis. ALN(A)/SR/365/2004-05 28/01/2005 and (c) B.Dis. ALN(A)/(K&A) SR.184/2005-06, bearing Survey No.6/1 measuring in all 3 Acres 19 Guntas which is conjoint together situated at Kammasandra Village, Athibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and **bounded on the:** East by: Government Halla, West by: Ananthanagar Layout, North by: Ananthanagar Layout & Remaining Portion of Survey No.6/1 belonging to Lakshmana, South by: Remaining Portion of Survey No.6/1 and 60 Feet Road. **Schedule B (Description of the Apartment):** A Two Bedrooms Flat/Apartment bearing Flat Number E-601, on the Sixth Floor of E-Block of the building known as AAKRUTI AMITY constructed in the Schedule A Property with a super built up area of 1210 Square Feet, (Which is inclusive of proportionate share in balconies, common amenities, common areas attributable thereto and limited access to terrace area i.e., from the lift room to the water tank for the purpose of repairs), with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tile Flooring, Steel Windows etc., together with 446 Square Feet undivided share of right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule A Property and one surfaced covered car parking space in the Basement and same is **bounded on:** East by : Open Space. West by : Corridor & Flat Number E-607. North by : Staircase. South by : D Block.

Notice Date: 29/11/2025 **for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.**

यूको बैंक (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम) **UCO BANK** (A Govt. of India Undertaking) **Honours Your Trust**

Ramnagara Branch - No. 7 KGN Complex, Main Road, Kumundan Mohalla, Ramanagar - 562159. Phone : 9230502805, E-Mail ID : ramana@ucobank.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the **Authorized Officer** of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of property mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the property to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable property mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Name & Address of Borrowers / Guarantor	(a) Date of Demand Notice (b) Amount due as per Notice (c) Date of Symbolic Possession (d) Present outstanding Dues	(a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property (b) Last Date for Submission of Bids (c) Date & Time of Auction	(a) Reserve Price (b) EMD Amount (c) Bid increase Amount
1. Dr. Jeelan Pasha (Main Applicant) **S/o. M Abdul Wajeed,** No. 4142, Ward No.12, 1st Cross, Purasabha Karyalayada Mumbhagada Badavane, Behind Indira Canteen, Ramnagara - 562159. **2. Dr. Reshma Anjum W/o. Dr. Jeelan Pasha** No.4142, Ward No.12, 1st Cross, Purasabha Karyalayada Mumbhagada Badavane, Behind Indira Canteen, Ramnagara - 562159.	**(a) 26-03-2025** **(b) Rs. 24,06,004.41** Plus interest, expenses, charges etc. **(c) 05-07-2025** **(d) Rs. 23,28,093.31** Plus interest and other charges	**(a) 27.01-2026 Between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** **(b) As per BAANKNET Guidelines** **(C) 28.01.2026 between 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM**	**(a) Rs. 95,54,000/-** **(b) Rs. 9,55,400/-** **(c) Rs. 25,000/-**

Description of Immovable Property :- Schedule - 'A' Property - All that piece & parcel of site there on building property bearing Municipal Khaneswhumari Khatha No. 8/4142, Measuring : East to West 28 Feet, North to South 40.75 Feet, Totally Measuring 1141 Sq.Ft, Situated at MG Road (Municipal Extension) (Between Railway Station Circle to PWD Circle) Ramanagara Town, Near Taluk Library, Old BM Road, Ramanagara District, the Schedule Property in the name of **Mrs. Dr. Reshma Anjum W/o. Mr. Dr. Jeelan Pasha, Doc. No. 3744/2010 -11** and bounded as follows : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property belongs to Idayat Khan, **North by :** Property belongs to Basith Khan, **South by :** Conservancy Galli. **Property in the Name : Dr. Reshma Anjum.**

A/c. No. 28050210000045, IFSC Code : UCBA0002805, E-Mail ID : ramana@ucobank.co.in

Details of Known Encumbrances : Not Known

The auction Sale will be "Online e-Auction" bidding through Website : https://baanknet.com/education-psb/home. Bidders are adivse to go through the Website for detailed terms and conditions, login id & Password, Uploading Data, Submitting Bid, Training / Demonstrations, Inter-se Bidding etc. of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-Auction Sale Proceeding.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 23-12-2025 **UCO Bank**

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
TUTICORIN – 628 004
SAGARMALA

GLOBAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No.CIV-OFCPD-PRJ-DEVEL-V1-21(50298)/D.4101 **Date:26.12.2025**

V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites Application from interested parties (Applicants) in accordance with the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the project "Construction of Breakwater, Rock Bund, Wharf and capital dredging and reclamation for backup yard and allied onshore facilities including maintenance thereof on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) under Development of Outer Harbour at V.O. Chidambaranar Port".

Name of Work	Construction of Breakwater, Rock Bund, Wharf and capital dredging and reclamation for backup yard and allied onshore facilities including maintenance thereof on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) under Development of Outer Harbour at V.O. Chidambaranar Port.
Indicative Project Cost	Rs.9,859.45 Crs.
Sale of bid Documents	26.12.2025 to 09.02.2026
Bid document fee	Rs.11,63,416/- (inclusive of GST @ 18%)
Bid Security	Rs 116,34,15,100/- (as per cl. 1.2.4 of RFP)
Last date of receiving queries	07.01.2026
Pre-Application Conference	08.01.2026 at 12:00 noon (Hybrid mode)
Last date and time for submission of Tender through online	09.02.2026 up to 15:00 hours (IST)
Online RFP Bid opening date and time	10.02.2026 at 15:30 hours (IST)
Validity of offer	180 days from the last date fixed for submission of Tender

For downloading of RFP & further details, visit port Website: www.vocport.gov.in & https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Ph. No: 0461-2372306
Email:ce@vocport.gov.in

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Mysuru Division, Mysuru.
E-mail: eepwdmys21@gmail.com
Phone No. & Fax No. 0821-2420810

IFT No.10/2025-26/Call-2 **Dt.23.12.2025**

ITEM WISE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department has published item wise Tender notification for approved under **H/a:5054-04-337-0-01-160 MDR Renewal** of **widening & resurfacing of road connecting NH 212 via Puttegowdanahundi, Chetanahalli. Chetanahallipalya upto taluk border road Ch 0.00 km to 5.00 km & Strengthening of BHA road to Koodanahalli, Makanahundi via Koochanahalli road taluk border Ch 0.00 to 4.80 km in Mysuru taluk Mysuru district** under this division with KW-4 Conditions & Regulations with Two cover systems. The **Amount Put to Tender is Rs.692.19 Lakhs and EMD amount is Rs.10.38 Lakhs.** Pre bid Meeting will be held in the undersigned office **at 11.00 A.M on 06.01.2026.** Tenders shall be Submitted in KPP-Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 23.12.2025 to 22.01.2026 within 17.00 PM.** KPWD Class-I Contractor Registered in KPP-Portal are eligible. More details can be obtained from the office of the under Signed during office hours. Any amendments or modifications in tender notification will be published in KPP-Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Public Works Department.Mysuru Division, Mysuru

DIPR/DDMYS/1425/KSMCA/810/2025-26

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Halasuru Branch
No.11/12, Cambridge Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008. Ph: 080-25546443,
e-mail : vjulso@bankofbaroda.com website : www.bankofbaroda.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, The Secured Creditor, will be sold on **04.02.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrowe/s/ Mortgagor/s/ and Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detailed Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Amount Bid Increase Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1 2 3 4 5	**(1) M/s. Auto Kraft Design Studio,** No.47, Sy No.56/2, Dr. Bendre Layout, Kothanur Village, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560077, Represented by its proprietrix, **Smt. Prabhavathy. G.** **Smt. Prabhavathy.G.** W/o Sri. Gunaraj. M, H No.80, Seppings Road, Bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru 560001, since deceased represented by her legal heirs / representatives. **and also at:** H.No.11, Purushothama Road, BBMP Ward No.81 Ulsoor Bengaluru-560008. **Sri.Gunaraj Munivenkatappa** S/o Sri. Gundappa. M, H.No.80, Seppings Road, Bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru-560001. since deceased represented by his legal heirs/ representatives **and also at:** H.No.11, Purushothama Road, BBMP Ward No.81, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560008. **Mr.G. Praveen S** S/o Late. Sri. M. Gunaraj, H.No .80, Seppings Road, Bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru-560001. **Ms. G. Shilpa** S/o Late. Sri. M.Gunaraj, H.No.80, Seppings Road, Bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru-560001.	**SCHEDULE PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No.11, BBMP Ward No.81, situated at Purushothama Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 25 Feet, totally measuring 1,500 Square Feet, alongwith the building standing thereon and bounded on the: East by: Purushothama Road, West by: Municipal Drain, North by: Kodi Channel of Halasuru, South by: Property of Mary Peters.	**Rs.28,94,653.34/- (Rupees Twenty eight lakhs ninety four thousand six hundred fifty three And paise thirty four Only) as on 24.12.2025 inclusive of interest upto 20.12.2025 along with further interest thereon from 21.12.2025 till the realization of Bank's Dues.**	**04.02.2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**	**Reserve Price Rs1,62,50,000/-** **EMD: Rs.16,25,000/-** **Bid Increment Amount Rs.50,000/-** **Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 04.02.2026 upto 5.00 PM**	**Symbolic Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from authorized officer**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25546443, Mobile: 9916755177.
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc. and if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date:26.12.2025 **Place:- Bengaluru** **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

SBFC Finance Limited

Registered Office:- Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059

POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **SBFC Finance Limited** under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SBFC Finance Limited.**

Name and Address of Borrowers & Date of Demand Notice	Description of Property(ies) & Date of Possession	Amount Demanded in Possession Notice
1. MOHAN .N, 2. MUNILAXMI .K, 3. NAGARAJAPPA, having address at Flat No.G-101, Ground Floor, Excellence Blossom, No.35 &36, 7th Cross 40 Feet BDA Road, Balaji Nagar, Mallathahalli, Banglore-560056. Also address at 1A. **MOHAN. N,** 1075/144/142/85/1/35 &36, Ward No. 129, Sy No. 85/1, BBMP, Flat No. 401, 3rd Floor, Excellence Blossom Apt., Mallathahalli Village, Yaswantpura Hobli,Tq - Bangaluru North, Bangaluru – 560056. **Demand Notice Date: 28th February 2025.** LoanAccount No. **'4021060000325688-C (PR01372295) & 'SBFCLAP0000022259 (PR01496201).**	All that piece and parcel of the Property Bounded as under – **1.** 320 Sq.Feet of Undivided Share, right, title, interest and ownership in respect of Property bearing Site No. 35 & 36, BBMP Katha No.1075/144/142/85/1/35, 36, Formed out of Converted Sy No.85/1, duly Converted vide Official Memorandum dated 20.01.1996 bearing No.BDIS./ALN/SR(N)44/1995-96 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Banglore, District, Situated at Mallathalli Village, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, Presently Comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Banglore Mahanagara Palike Limits Ward No.129, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South :65 Feet, totally measuring 2600 Sq.feet and **bounded on**:-East by- Site No.26 and 25;West by- Remaining Portion of the Property in Sy No.85/1;North by- 40 Feet Road,South by- Site No.34. **2.** Flat No.T-401, Presently comes under jurisdiction of Bruhat Banglore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.129, having BBMP New Municipal & Flat No.107/7/142/144, 85/1/TF-401, measuring 1156 Square feet super built area and situated in Third Floor and containing 2 Bed Rooms, House Consisting of a Hall kichen toilet, living, Balcony, Sanitary Electrical Wiring and other Facilities, Vitrified tiles flooring, together with 1 Covered Car Parking slot in basement, including proportionate undivided share in common areas such as Passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the Multi Storied building known as "EXCELLENCE BLOSSOM". **Date of Physical Possession: 23rd December 2025**	**Rs. 3,117,004/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lacs Seventeen Thousand Four Only) as on 20th February 2025 plus unapplied interest from the date of 21st February 2025,

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date:27.12.2024, Place:Bangaluru/Karnataka Sd/-Authorized Officer, SBFC Finance Limited

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
MLI Division No-1 Mattihal-586210. Tq:Kolhar
Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-286126, E-mail: kbjnleemli@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/MLI Dn-1/PB/Tender/2025-26/2020 Date: 26.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION -THIRD CALL

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL: Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL: MLI Division No.1, Mattihal invites tender on item Rate basis from the eligible bidders e-tenders in Two cover system, eligible contractors for 4 No's of work indent No's 2135, 2592, 2593 and 2545 tendered Amount for Varies from Rs. 133.29 Lakhs to 169.49 lakhs. The Contractor can have access to e- tender documents

Stages of Tender Process;

Sl.No	Stages of Tender Process	Two Cover
1	The contractor can have access and submit e-tender	From Dated 29.12.2025 to 06.01.2026 up to 5.30 pm.
2	Pre bid meeting Place and Time	Executive Engineer KBJNL, MLI Division No-1, Mattihal Dated 03.01.2026 @ 11.00 Am
3	Technical Bid will be opened on	Dated 08.01.2026 @ 11.00 Am in front of the Present Contractor
4	Financial Bid will be opened on	Dated 12.01.2026 @ 11.00Am in front of the Present Contractor or after approval of Technical bid Evaluation

The Contractors can request for e-tendering documents in the KBJNL web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in link e-tender document.

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours on telephone No. 08426-286126.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, MLI Division No-1, Mattihal

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SURABHI SOUHARDHA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.,

No. 02, Surabhi Sahakari Sadan, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Attimabbe Road, C.T. Bed Extension,
Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. Ph: 080-26794511, Mob: 9742060295, E-mail:sscclt@ymail.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the Co-op Limited acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Co-op Limited, upon the following terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION

a) E-Auction is being on **"As is where is" and "What is there is"** and the Co-op Limited is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal **- https://bankauctions.in** at the Date and Time as mentioned below:-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **"Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Society Limited" Banashankari Branch Bangalore.** by Demand Draft or **Bank of India** for NEFT/RTGS to **Current Account No.848320110000033 And IFSC Code : BKID0008483** at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on **https://bankauctions.in** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class- ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please Contact: **M/s 4Closure, Hyderabad. Contact Details: 08142000061/66 and +91-8142000809 (Bengaluru) Email ID: info@bankauctions.in and karnataka@bankauctions.in.**
e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Co-op Limited and the Co-op Limited will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted by bidders and the Co-op Limited would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within **15 days** from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Co-op Limited shall entertain no claims.
I) Nothing in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Co-op Limited to sell the property. Co-op Limited reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : Mrs. Swarna Honnamma W/o Basava Raju, No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. **Guarantor: Mr. Basavaraju,** S/o Shivanna, No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. **Also at:** No.121, Mysore Road, Avalahalli, Bengaluru 560026.
The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold : Rs.71,27,754.20 (Rupees Seventy One lakhs Twenty seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fiftyfour and Paise Twenty only) as on 23.12.2025 Future Interest and other charges from 24.12.2025 till closure is also due.
Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: ITEM No.1: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site No.68 and 83 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :80 feet and North to South:30 feet totally measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site Nos.69 and 82, South by: Road
ITEM No.2: All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the property bearing Vacant Site Nos.69 and 70 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :40 feet and North to South:50 feet totally measuring 2000 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site Nos.82 and 81, North by: Northern Portion of Site No.70, South by: Site No.68.
ITEM No.3: All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the property bearing Vacant Site Nos.82 and 81 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :40 feet and North to South:50 feet totally measuring 2000 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Site Nos.70 and 69, West by: Road, North by: Northern Portion of Site No.81, South by: Site No.63.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,60,00,000/- EMD : Rs.16,00,000/-
Date & Time of Auction : 29.01.2026 at 02.30 PM to 3.30 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions),
Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 28.01.2026 before 4.30 PM
E auction website - https://bankauctions.in .Increment value Rs. 50,000/-& such multiples

2. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : Mr. Huchappa M S/o Mariyappa, No.60-2, Maharastra Street, Adepete Town, Nelamangala, Bengaluru-562123 **Guarantor- Mr. Basavaraju S** S/o Shivanna No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020 **Also at:** No.121, Mysore Road, Avalahalli Bengaluru-560026
The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold Rs.2,93,90,493.80 (Rupees Two Crore Ninetythree lakhs Ninety thousand Four hundred Ninetythree and Paise Eighty only) as on 23.12.2025 Future Interest and other charges from 24.12.2025 till closure is also due.
Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.2093, presently having BBMP Khatha No.2224/2182/2093 in the layout in several survey numbers at Allalsandra, Chikkabommasandra and Jakkur Plantation of Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore formed by the Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, Bangalore as per plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, now comes within the jurisdiction of the Bruhath Bangalore Development Authority, now comes within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.04, Yelahanka Sub-Division, measuring East to West :36 feet and North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 2160 Sq.ft, and bounded as follows: East by: Site No.2094, West by: Road, North by: Park, South by: Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.5,75,00,000/- EMD : Rs.57,50,000/-
Date & Time of Auction : 29.01.2026 at 12.30 PM to 1.30 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions),
Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 28.01.2026 before 4.30 PM
E auction website - https://bankauctions.in Increment value Rs. 50,000/- & such multiples

Contact Persons: Chief Executive Officer: 9606976569 / 9606976572 / 08026794511, Mob: 9742060295, OR Mr. Shivashankar A Mob: 9480401348 (M/s Supreme Enforcement Services)

Date: 24.12.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Executive Officer
Place: Bengaluru Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Society Limited

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1, Building Division,
SJP Campus, Bengaluru, Phone: 080-22255210
No. EE/Bld.1/AE-3/AE-2/AE-5/2025-26/64 Date: 24.12.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

The above Department invites Tenders through e-procurement portal of GoK **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible Tenderers for **providing and fixing work stations, providing wardrobe, False ceiling, painting, supply of chairs, repair of toilets, changing damaged false ceiling, providing partition, supply of UPVC windows, dismantling of Aluminium partitions, demolishing of brick wall, melamine polishing, wall paneling, providing and installing Aluminium windows, providing luggage racks, providing mezzanine floors, providing ante chamber, providing men's and women's toilets, electrical works and other development works, total of 50 works at various notified places in Bengaluru.** Approx. value of work: **Min. Rs. 3.21 lakhs, Max. Rs. 50.60 lakhs.** EMD: **Min. Rs. 4,550/-, Max. Rs. 50,600/-.** Cost of Document: As in e-portal. Period of Completion: **2 Months for each work.** Last date for downloading Tender through e-procurement portal and submission through online: **03.01.2026 up to 5.00 PM.** Date of opening the Tender: **as per e-procurement guidelines.** Further information and other details can be obtained from the above office or from e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DD-C.P/4691/KSMCA/2025-26

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1, BENGALURU

No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building,
Hayes Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC / 530 / 2021 **30/11/2021**

Federal Bank
Branch Office at R.T. Nagar,
No. 20, 1st Main Road, 108 'B' Bus Station,
Ganga Nagar - 560 032, Bengaluru. **... Certificate Holder**

Versus

YARAB .K

To,
Yarab .K S/o. Sri. Khadar Shariff
Proprietor of M/s. Dream Collections,
No. 616, 60 Feet Road, MEI Layout, Nagasandra - 560 073, Bengaluru.
Also At : Yarab .K
No. 57/1, Goragunte Palya, MSK Slum, Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 010. **... Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bengaluru (DRT 1) in OA/329/2019 an Amount of Rs. 15,27,537.49 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven and Paise Forty Nine Only)** along with pendentellite and future realization.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **30-12-2021 at 10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the Certificate / Execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of this service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **Date : 30-11-2021.**

(Deepainduvani .S)
Recovery Officer - II
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Bangalore (DRT 1)

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below.
: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division,
Zone-1, No. 2152/20, Defence colony, 9th Main, D Block,
Sahakarnagara, BNCC Office, Bengaluru–560092

No.: BNCC-Z1/EE/BTP/KPPP/PR/03/2025-26 Date: 26.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bengaluru North City Corporation or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. **(Standard Tender Document KW-1,2,3,4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	Single Cover Tender
1	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 05 Kogilu. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 60,000/-, **Category:** Others.
2	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 06 Jakkuru. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 60,000/-, **Category:** Others.
3	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 07 Thanisandra. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 60,000/-, **Category:** Others.
4	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 08 Amruthahalli. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 30,000/-, **Category:** SC.
5	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 09 Hebbala Kempapura. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 30,000/-, **Category:** CAT-I.
6	Removal of silt & other maintenance of roads and drains in new ward no. 10 Byatarayanapura. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 30.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 30,000/-, **Category:** CAT-II(A).
	Two Cover Tender
7	Improvements and Refurbishment of Railway Underbridge at Kodigehalli ward no. 8. **Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakhs):** 100.00, **EMD (in Rupees):** 1,00,000/-, **Category:** ST.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK KPPP website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **05.01.2026** at **3:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakarnagara Office, Bengaluru-560 092. **(3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **09.01.2026** up to **4:00 p.m. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **12.01.2026** after **4:00 p.m. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid after Approval of Technical Bid. Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Byatarayanapura Division, Zone-1, BNCC

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Mahesh.P has lost original sale deed bearing Doc.No.1383/1987-88. It is hereby informed to the public that in case any of them finds the same can contact on the below mentioned address or phone number.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of property No.225/B, PID No.152200431028400639, measuring 30x40 ft. Situated at Belavatta Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk, and bounded on the: East by: Property belongs to Jayamma, West By: Site No.111, North by: property No.121, South by: Road.

V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 26.12.2025

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Kashipur Circle, Shivamogga-577204.

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS KW-1 /2/ 3

Dated:24.12.2025 **IFT No.: 33/2025-26.**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shivamogga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document KW-1, KW-2 and KW-3 through kpp-procurement portal of the Governement of Karnataka, viz.,http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for the works of coming under M.I sub-divisions TARIKERE/ SHIMOGA/SORAB amounting from Rs. 3.58 lakhs to Rs. 80.55 lakhs.. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From 24.12.2025 to 31.12.2025 upto 17:00 hrs. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/smg/KSMCA/25-26/150/12/1472

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR

No.EE/PRED/RCR/AE/E-Tender/2025-26/18 **Date: 26.12.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:

1. Issue of Blank Tender Documents from **:29.12.2025**
2. Receipt of completed tender documents **:12.01.2026 up to 4.30 P.M**
3. Technical Bid opening on **:13.01.2026 at 5.00 P.M (If possible)**
4. Financial Bid opening on **:19.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M (If possible)**

Indent Nos:

1. Deodurga Taluka **:20871, 20708, 20826, 21008**
2. Lingasugu/Maski Taluka **:20780, 20865**
3. Sindhanur Taluka **:20950**

Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
(Shivappa H)
Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Divn, Raichur.

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, CESC, Mysuru-570017. Ph: 9448994710,
Email ID: gmit@cescmysore.org Website: cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in

No: CESC/GM(IT&MIS)/DGM(IT)/AGM(IT3)/2025-26/31006 Date: 24.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP- PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for the following.

Sl No.	Works details	Enquiry No/Date
1	Supply, Installation, Configuration and Maintenance of SDWAN devices across CESC area and DC/DR (on-premises) of CESC for accessing applications in CESC Data Centre.	CESC/IT&MIS/25-26/06 Dtd: 24.12.2025
2	Supply, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning of Desktop Computers & UPS at various Offices of CESC, Mysore.	CESC/IT&MIS/25-26/07 Dtd: 24.12.2025
3	Integrated IT Infrastructure Modernization and Network /Cyber Security Enhancement at CESC, Mysuru	CESC/IT&MIS/25-26/08 Dtd: 24.12.2025

The tender details can be obtained through **kpp-portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **31.12.2025.** For clarification regarding kpp-portal please contact help desk **+91-8046010000/ 8068948777 or e-mail address support@eprochelpdesk.com**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

DIPR/MYSORE/1436/SSC/2025-26 Sd/- General Manager (IT & MIS) CESC, Mysuru.

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/158 -2025-26

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0641/1225 RFx 7000038449 (1st Call) for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Nagpur islanding scheme under EHV O&M Zone, Nagpur and ALDC Ambazari in MSETCL on Portal.	Rs. 2459.33 Lakhs / 25,000.00	15.01.2026 18:00 Hrs / 15.01.2026 18.15 Hrs

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-VI)
Tel. No. 022-69852712/022-69852720.
CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai
Email:1) C.E. (CPA) 2) S.E.(CPA) 3)E.E.(P&C) 4) E.E. (Group-VI)
Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, secpa@gmail.com, eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp6@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in

Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Office of the Executive Engineer,PRE Division
Jawahar Road Koppal 583231 ,Karnataka . Email: eepredkpl@gmail.com,

No:EE:PRED:DN:KPL:/DB/TENDER/2025-26 /2431 **Date: 24.12.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Koppal, invites item rates tender through kppp one / two cover systems, from eligible PWD and PRE Department registered contractors through Standard Bid Document KW-1,2,3 & 4, under head of account 2025-26 CMIDP & Other heads in different talukas of Koppal district . This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka . For more information contact above the office. Eligible contractors participate online by entering into kppp portal. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.

General instructions:- 1.Contractors participate in all tenders online only. 2).Pre-qualification documents should be uploaded by scanning all certificates & other concerned documents online only. 3)3.Pre-requisite EMD have to be pay online as per mentioned in eproc-portal. For more information, contractors need to consult to below signed official, officer, contractors may get the information by going through. http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.This notified works can be downloaded in http//kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal .

1) Construction of Road from Mandalageri to Malekoppa in Kukanoor Taluk Koppal District. IND 21285 APT 7957565.8 EMD 159500 6 Months
2) Construction of Road from HarishankaraBandi to Guddenappana matha in Kukanur Taluk Koppal Dist IND 21229 (CAT-2A) APT 7961292.13EMD 80000.00 6 Months
3) Construction of Road From Chittapura village to Hanaval up to Taluka Border in Kukanoor Taluka of Koppal District. IND 21176 APT 7958646.22EMD 159500 6 Months
4) Levelling and Other Development Work of The Budda Basava Ambedkar Bhavan in Binnal Village of Kukanoor Taluka IND 21162 APT 7956719.55 EMD 159500 6 Months
5) Construction of road from Yarehanchinal village to Naregal Taluk Border in Kukanoor Taluk of Koppal District IND 20896 APT 37782054.57 EMD 567000 6 Months
6) Construction of Rajoor-Tondihal road in Kukanoor Taluk of Koppal District. IND 20899 APT 23489748.47 EMD 352000 6 Months
7) Improvements & Asphalting to Kudrimoti Village to Honnunasi Village road Km 2.20 to 5.40 in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 20998 APT 15919267.4 EMD 239000 6 Months
8) Construction of Buddha-Basava-Ambedkar Bhavan at Markat Village in Yelaburga Taluk of Koppal District. IND 20789 APT 16426565.37EMD 246500 11 Months
9) Construction of road from Bhairnaikanhalli to Mangalore Village road in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 21026 APT 11925480.17EMD 179000 6 Months
10) Construction of Road and Drain to Government High School at Konsagar Village in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 21012 APT 14321663.9 EMD 215000 6 Months
11) Construction of road from Muradi Village to Chikkamyageri Village road in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 21047 APT 11936880.54EMD 179000 6 Months
12) Construction of CC Drain to Masjid to Morarji Residential School at Kudrimoti Village in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 20963 APT 11109254.4 EMD 167000 6 Months
13) Construction of road from Mannapur Village to Hallikeri road in Kukanoor Taluk. IND 21022 APT 12735327.71EMD 191000 6 Months

Tender Processing Fees As per E-Procurement Download of Schedule-B in Eproc Portal From **26.12.2025** time after 10.00 AM upto **15.01.2026** time 16.00 Hours. Tender Receipt last dates From **26.12.2025**,time 11.00 AM upto **15.01.2026** Time 16.30 hrs Technical Bid open date and time(Both Technical & Financial bids are opened as same date for KW 1 & KW 2 ,KW-3 Works **16.01.2026** in office hours. Financial Bid open date and time For KW 4 After getting Technical approval from competent authority, bid will be opened

Note: The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject any of the tenders at any stage without assigning the reasons.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PRE Division Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/564/KSMCA-2025-26

Government of Karnataka

Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences

Autonomous Medical Education Institute, Sagar Road, Shivamogga 577201.

Website: www.sims-shimoga.com,

Ph: 08182-229933 /269701 Fax no.: 08182 264100

No: SIMS/Store/Tender/Notification/7/2025-26/1199

Date: 24.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

Sl.No. 1. Tender No. & Date: SIMS/PRCU/TNDR/15/2025-PSTR-SIMS-SMG Dated: 26.12.2025 **Name of the Item:** e-Tender for the supply HNS (Gloves & Other Items) Sims Teaching Mc-gann, Hospital Shivamogga **Publish, Duration, End, Date and time.:** From: 26-12-2025 to 09-01-2026 at 5.00 PM.

Sl.No. 2. Tender No. & Date: SIMS/PRCU/TNDR/16/2025-PSTR-SIMS-SMG Dated: 26.12.2025 **Name of the Item:** e-Tender for the supply HNS (IV Contrast, X-ray film & Other Items)Sims Teaching Mc-gann, Hospital Shivamogga **Publish, Duration, End, Date and time.:** From: 26-12-2025 to 09-01-2026 at 5.00 PM.

Opening of all above Tenders can be obtained through e-procurement from the tendering website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Further bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at: 080-25501216, 25501227

Sd/- Director/Dean, Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/KSMCA/25-26/133/12/1473

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited

(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

Regional office, Shed No. A-99, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Stage Peenya, Bengaluru-560058 | Ph: 9900306365 | E-Mail: khdcsilk@gmail.com

No. KHDCL/2025-26/IND0027 **Date: 26.12.2025**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited (KHDCL) Invites tender as per Karnataka Transparency Act 1999 & Rules 2000 in two cover System (Technical & Financial Bids) through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (**https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in**) from reputed Reelers, Twisters & Silk Traders **Who are registered with National Handloom Development Corporation Limited**, for supply of **2500 kgs of Silk Yarn**. The last date for submission of tender is **09.01.2026 upto 5.30 PM.**

Corporation reserves the right to partially or totally accept/reject the tender without any notification.

Sd/-

DIPR/CP/JA/4669/2025-26 **MANAGER PRODUCTION (SILK)**

ÌNDEL MONEY

Corporate office: **Indel Money Limited,** IIIrd Floor Indel House, Changampuzha Nagar, South Kalamassery, Ernakulum -682033 , Ph: 0484-2933999 E:customercare@indelmoney.com

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 27-01-2026 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

HOSADURGA -17104470025084, 0447/25434, 0447/25458, **JAGALURU-** 18204410014084, 18204450014076, 0445/14109, 0445/14170, 0445/14249, 18204470014039, 0447/14090, 0447/14110, 0447/14229, 0447/14276, **DAVANAGERE** - 16904450008720, 0445/08752, 0445/08916, 0445/08917, **HARAPANAHALLI** - 17304450011440, 0445/11649, 0445/11667, 0445/11668, 17304470011444, 0447/11474, 0447/11523, 17304490011600, **HOOVINA HADAGALI** - 17804470019507, 0447/19572, **LAXMESHWARA** - 20404450008685, 0445/08703, 20404470008735, 0447/08779, 0447/08792, **RANIBENNUR**-16804470009387, **KOPPAL** - 23204450009028, 0445/09068, 0445/09145, 0445/09215, 23204470009044, 0447/09154, **KUKUNUR** - 23404450008854, 0445/08952, 23404470008861, 0447/08862, 0447/08916, 0447/08921, 0447/08930, **T C CIRCLE** - 18904470007852, 0447/07953, **TURUVEKERE**- 17604470009161, **CHANNARAYAPATNA** - 23104470008097, **KOLLEGALA** - 23604470006621, **HARIHAR**- 16704450012908, 0445/12927, 0445/12976, 0445/12996, 0445/13022, 0445/13023, 0445/13116, **HAVERI** - 17504450009233, **HUNSUR** - 26404450007925, 0445/07956, 0445/08024, 0445/08051, **CHANNAPATNA** - 26704450004380, **BANKAPURA** - 26804450004123, 26804470004021, 0447/04023, 0447/04074, 0447/04118, **RATTIHALLI** - 27404450006386, 0445/06453, 0445/06552, 0445/06561, 0445/06582, 27404470006378, **T NARSIPURA** - 22804450006834, 0445/06873, 0445/06879, 0445/06933, 22804470006880, 0447/06889, 0447/06911, 0447/07015, 0447/07017, 0447/07018, **KUDLIGI** - 17404470014760, 0447/14777, 0447/14851, 0447/14922, 0447/14947, 0447/15004, **HAGARIBOMMANAHALLI** - 18304410014604, 18304450014445, 18304470014444, 0447/14453, 0447/14461, 0447/14506, 0447/14587, 0447/14608, **HOSPET**- 18004470006609, 0447/06693, **KOTTUR**- 17704450018492, 17704470018310, 0447/18325, 0447/18392, 0447/18395, 0447/18436, 0447/18442, 0447/18475, 0447/18501, **HONNALI** - 19104470013477, **GUTTAL** - 18104450018122, 18104470017964, 0447/18118, **SANDUR** - 33504470002080, 0447/02106, 0447/02157, 0447/02188, 0447/02190, 0447/02209, 0447/02210, **SAKLESHPURA**- 26504490006011, **RAMANAGARA** - 29704450003939, **BYADAGI** - 17904470014185, 0447/14196, 0447/14260, **TIPTUR** - 18804450007081, 0445/07216, 18804470007228, 0447/07243, **KAMPLI** - 18404450002022, **K R PET**- 35604470000893, **PERIYAPATNA** - 18604470006954, **VIDHARTHIBHAVAN** - 32604450001861, **BAGALGUNTE**- 20504450004031, **ARKALGUDU**- 23304470008853, **MALLAVALLI** - 23504470005182, **MADDUR**-22904510005197

In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in or e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 29-01-2026 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 29-01-2026 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

By Authorized Officer, Indel Money Limited

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भारत सरकार का उपक्रम — A Government of India Undertaking

DASARAHALLI BRANCH (16601)

No.1478, Ground Floor, DRLS Plaza, Tumkur Road, Dasarahalli Peenya Bangalore-560057.Ph: 8355816601, E-mail: ubin0816604@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Dasarahalli Branch (16601),** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 06/10/2025** calling upon the **BORROWERS /MORTGAGORS /GUARANTORS1 (a) Mr. Umesh S N, S/o Late Shri. Narasaiah,** Siddanahosahalli, Madanayakanahalli, Madavara Post, Dasanapura hobli Alternate Address: M/s. S N N Earth Movers, Siddanahosahalli Village, Lakshmipura road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru-562123 **(b) Mrs. Narasamma(Co-obligant) W/o Late Shri. Narasaiah,** No 224, Near S N N Umesh Building, Maramma Temple, Siddanahosahalli, Madanayakanahalli, Madavara Post, Dasanapura hobli, Bengaluru-562123, to repay the dues mentioned in the notice being Rs. **2,40,34,312.00 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Only)** and interest / Charges thereon **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub–section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Act rule 2002, on this **24th day of December 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, **Dasarahalli Branch (16601)** for an amount of **Rs. 2,43,87,373 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Three Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Only)** and further interest/Charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act, in respect of time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets

Description of Secured Assets

Schedule Property: Mortgage of immovable property described here in below: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site Sy. No. 11/4, situated at Siddanahosahalli Village, Lakshmipura Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru- 562123 measuring **East to West :** 86 feet and **North to South :** 56 feet in all measuring 4816 Sq. Ft together with Residential/Commercial building (Ground Floor + 3 Upper Floors, measuring 1862 Sq Ft each) and bounded on : **East by :** PWD Road, **West by :** Property of Gangalakshmi, **North by :** Sy. No, 11/3, **South by :** Sy. No, 11/5.

Place: Bengaluru **Date: 24.12.2025**

Sd/- Chief Manager / Authorised Officer Union Bank of India

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West **Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.**

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Regional Office West,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **17.10.2025** calling upon the Borrower **(1) Mr. Vasudev Mutyalappa G,** No.1255 , Vasanthanivas, Flat No.104, 2nd Floor, Athmeeya Gelayara Balaga Layout, Chikkasandra, Hasaraghatta, RO Bengalore North-560090. **(1A) Mr.Vasudev Guntapalli** S/o Muthyalappa, Deepashree Enclave, Site No.758, 2nd Floor, Athmeeya Gelayara Layout, Chikkasandra, Benagalore-560023. **(1B) Mr.Vasudev Guntapalli** S/o Muthyalappa, No.49, P B Road Bankapur Chowk, Indhira Nagar Hubli, Old Hubli, Dharwad-560024. **(1C) Mr.Vasudev M Guntapalli,** Flat No.104, BBMP Khatha No.966/758/3, 1st Floor, Deepashree Enclave, Athmeeya Gelayara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Ltd, Chikkasandra Village, Hesaraghatt Road, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengalore North Taluk-560090. **(2) Mrs. Sowbhagya Guntapalli (Co- Borrower)** No.49, P B Road, Bankapur Chowk, Indhira Nagar Hubli, Old Hubli, Dharwad-560024, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs. 38,09,408.62 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eight and Sixty Two Paise Only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the security interest enforcement rules 2002 on this **26th day of December 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank, Binnipete Branch,** for an amount of **Rs. 38,09,408.62 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Eight and Sixty Two Paise Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets

Name of the title Holder : Mr.Vasudeva Muthyalappa

Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site no. 758, V P Khata no. 964/965, BBMP khata no. 966, PID No. 012-W0737-57, formed by the Athmeeya Geleyara Balaga Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Ltd, in converted Sy. Nos. 9, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4, 11/1, 11/2, 12/1, 12/2, 13, 14/1, 14/2, 14/3, 14/4, 14/6, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 21/4, 21/5, 21/6, 22, 23, 49 and 50, in all measuring 64 acres 6 guntas, situated at 3rd stage, Chikkasandra village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Property bearing site nos:772 & 773, North by: Property bearing site no:759, South by: Property bearing site no:757.

Schedule B : 1/7th equivalent to 342.85 square feet area of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property.

Schedule C : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. 104 , BBMP Khata No. 966/758/3 on the 1st Floor, having super built-up area measuring an extent of 1026 Square Feet, consisting of 2 Bedrooms, one Hall, Kitchen, Bathrooms, Toilets and balcony, with vitrified flooring, steel windows teak wood used for main door, with all civic amenities thereon and with one Car parking (No.104) at stilt floor, on the ground floor, together with proportionate share in common space, areas, passages, lobbies, staircase, terrace, pipes, drains, and other areas of common use in Apartment known as DEEPASHREE ENCLAVE and bounded on: East by: Common Passage and Flat No.103, West by: Set Back, North by: Passage, South by: Passage & Duct.

Date : 26.12.2025 **Place : Bangalore**

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Ms. Manjula, 2) Mrs. Munivenkatamma, 3) Mr. Suresh	Loan Account 46459630001058 46459410000621 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.3,73,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.173, Katha ID No.150200401600800166, situated at Manduru Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, presently comes under the limits of Manduru Gram Panchayath and **Bounded by the: East by:** Somanna, **West by:** Vacant Site, **North by:** Venkataswamy, **South by:** Muni Obalappa. Measuring East to West: 11.27 Mtrs and North to South: 4.26 Mtrs, in all measuring 48.01 Sq.mtrs.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.7,62,622.40 (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two and Forty Paisa Only) due as on 11-12-2025
2	1) Mrs. Savithri, 2) Mr. Manjunatha, 3) Mrs. Aishwarya N, 4) Mrs. Bindu	Loan Account 31889630000978 31889410000840 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.135/26/16, E-Katha ID No.150200400200200240, situated at Kannuru Village, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, presently comes under the limits of Kannuru Gram Panchayath and **Bounded on: East by:** Government Road, **West by:** Government Property, **North by:** Property belongs to Pokaram, **South by:** Government Road. Measuring East to West: 9.144 Mtrs. and North to South: 9.144 Mtrs. in all measuring 83.61 Sq.mtrs.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.10,30,067.80 (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Thousand Sixty Seven and Eighty Paisa Only) due as on 11-12-2025
3	1) Mrs. Nageshwari M, W/o. Mr. C Manjunath, 2) Mrs. C Manjunatha	Loan Account No. 30139630000372 32909610000145 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site in Property/ Katha No.115, BBMP 'B', Katha SL No.2527, situated at Muneshwara Nagar, Kowdenahalli Dhakle, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now this property comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 13 ½ feet and North to South: 15 feet, in all total 202.5 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property belongs to Sri Srinivasa, **West by:** Property belongs to Sri Ramakrishna, **North by:** Property belongs to Nagappa, **South by:** Passage (Kalu Dhari).	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.14,42,931.20 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One and Twenty Paisa Only) due as on 11-12-2025
4	1) Mr. Muniyappa, 2) Mrs. Tholachamma	Loan Account No. 47050430000984 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** Property No.4, Assessment No.463,Khaneshumari Sl.No.773, situated at Hunasanahalli Village, Hunasanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District. Measuring: East to West: 28 Ft. and North to South: 27 Feet and **Boundedon: East:** Government Road, **West:** House belongs to Basavarajappa, **North:** Sampalu, **South:** House belongs to Shivamadappa.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.4,71,094.46 (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Ninety Four and Forty Six Paisa Only) due as on 11-12-2025
5	1) Mrs. Nagamma, 2) Mr. Hanumaiah	Loan Account 33649630000550 33649410000474 Loan Amount: Rs.4,00,000/- Rs.4,90,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel for Property No.142, Measuring 30 X 40, situated at Sheshagiri Colony, Manchanayakanahalli Gram Panchayath, Manchanayakanahalli Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Suddamma, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Nagamma, **South by:** Ramesh.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.8,51,347.10 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven and Ten Paisa Only) due as on 22-12-2025
6	1) Mr. Paramesh P, 2) Mrs. Mangala P	Loan Account No. 47059440000083 Loan Amount: Rs.3,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing E-Property No.152900201301400114 Grama Panchayat Property No.81/47/2, Measuring East to West 1st Part: 10.21 Meter (33 1/2 Feet) North to South 1st part: 8.38 Meter (27 Feet) East to West 2nd Part: 2.44 Meter (8 Feet) North to South 2nd Part 4.57 Meter (15 Feet) and including house measuring East to West 2.44 meters (8 feet) and North to South 4.57 meters (15 feet) situated at Agara Village, T. Hosahalli Gramapanchayath, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Govt Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Basavegowda @ Nayana, **North by:** Property belongs to Chikkalegowda, **South by:** Property belongs to Bolegowda	Date of NPA: 02-12-2025 Demand Notice Date: 20.12.2025	Rs.3,22,097.37 (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Ninety Seven and Paisa Thirty Seven Only) due as on 11-12-2025

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 27.12.2025, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt & Reserve Price	Date of Public Auction
01.	**Sri. Khader Khan @ Khadere Khan** No.47/8, 3rd Cross Nizamuddin Mohalla Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-18. **No. 47/8, 3rd Cross, Nizamuddin Mohalla, Mysore Road, BMP Ward No. 46, New ward No 139,PID No. 46-1-47/8, Chamarajpet K R Market Bengaluru.**	**East to West: 11.6 feet & North to South: 43.6 feet** **East by :** Property of Sameemulla & Zuber Bhai, **West by :** 6 Feet Common passage of & Akram Pasha's Property, **North by :** Property of Sulaiman & Common passage, **South by :** Common passage & Sri Habeeb Akthar's Property,	**Rs. 8,36,411/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 36,85,000/-**	**22.01.2026 10.00 AM**
02.	**Sri. Syed Asif** No 11, 4th Cross M D Block 2ND Floor Chamarajpet Bangalore -18 **New No.8, 2nd Cross, Mysore Road, Guddadahhli, Opp. Old Tollgate, New No. 136, BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-3-8, Bangalore**	**East to West : Northern Side : 34 feet, Southern Side : 36 feet & North to South : 53 feet** **East by :** Ramaprasad's property **West by:** Conservancy **North by:** Mariyappa's property **South by:** 15 feet Road.	**Rs. 25,88,549/- (Interest from) 15.12.2025 Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price: Rs. 90,50,000/-**	**22.01.2026 10.30 AM**
03.	**Sri. Basavaraju. D** No.729, 8th Main, RPC Layout Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 40. **New Municipal No.04, Old No. 729, 14th Cross, B & ASO layout, Hampinagar, BBMP Ward No. 34 of R.P.C. layout, PID No. 34-102-4, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 29+28/2 feet & North to South : 32 feet** **East by :** Road **West by :** Site No. 732 **North by :** Site No. 730 **South by :** Site No. 728	**Rs. 89,87,213/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price: Rs. 1,25,90,000/-**	**22.01.2026 11.00 AM**
04.	**Smt. Saraswathi. S** No.223, New No.15/1, 2nd Main Near Sujatha theatre Ramachandrapura, Benglauru-21 **Eastern Portion, New Municipal No. 49/1-1, 1st Main Road, Ramachandrapura, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramachandrapura, PID No. 25-14-49/1-1,Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 18 feet & North to South : 60 feet** **East by :** Private property **West by :** Western Portion of property BBMP Khatha No.49/1 **North by :** Road **South by :** Conservancy Lane	**Rs. 50,26,093/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price: Rs. 82,45,000/-**	**22.01.2026 11.30 AM**
05.	**Smt. Nagamma (Deceased) legal heirs Sri.Srinivas.P (son), Smt. Dhanalakshmi P (Daughter)** No.08, 1st Cross, R.K. Mutt. K.G. Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Benglauru-19. **No.8, Ramakrishna Mutt Layout, , BBMP Ward No. 49 of K G Nagar, PID No. 49-38-8, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 6 Mtrs & North to South : 11.30 Mtrs** **East by :** Site No.9 **West by :** Site No.7 **North by :** Site No.43 **South by :** Road	**Rs. 10,44,202/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 36,85,000/-**	**22.01.2026 12.00 PM**
06.	**Sri. Saleem Khan** No.33/2, 6th Cross Sirsi Road, Chamarajapet Bengaluru-18. **1st Schedule :- New No. 33/4, Previously No. 33, Old No. 29/1, Sirsi Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, BBMP Ward No. 46 of Chamarajpet , PID No. 46-2- 33/4, Bangalore.** **2nd Schedule New No. 33/4, Previously No.33, Old No. 29/1, Sirsi Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, BBMP Ward No.46 of Chamarajpet, PID No.46-2- 33/4, Bangalore.**	**East to West : 13 feet & North to South : 16 feet** **East by :** Deshamma's House Private Property, **West by :** Common passage measuring East to West : 4 feet and North to South : 54 feet (Common to all), **North by :** Portion Gifted to Saleem, Khan, **South by :** Remaining portion of the same number property retained by B.K. Govindaraj. **East to West: 13 feet & North to South : 18 feet** **East by :** Deshamma's House / Private Property **West by :** Common Passage Measuring East to West : 4feet and North to South : 54 feet (Common to all) **North by :** Portion Gifted to Abdul Khuddus Khan alias Pyaru, **South by :** Portion Gifted to Shaheen Taj. Above item No 1. & Item 2. Amalgamated of the Measurement East to west 13 feet & North to South 34 feet (Total Measurement 442 Sq Feet)	**Rs. 16,53,727/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 55,85,000/-**	**22.01.2026 12.30 PM**
07.	**Sri. Rafiq & Sri. Athiq,** No.8/1 (8/A), 6th Cross West of Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-560026. **Old No.08, No.8A, property No. 13, Sy. No. 88/2, 6th Cross West of Padarayanapura, Old Guddadahalli, BBMP Ward No. 43, Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-95-8/A, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 40 feet** **East by :** Savithramma's property **West by :** Site No. 14 **North by :** Road **South by :** Site No. 26.	**Rs. 28,93,311/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date :15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 41,25,000/-**	**22.01.2026 02.00 P. M**
8	**Smt. Nagamma,** No. 15, New No. 62, C Block, V.S. Garden, 1st Cross, Near Binny Mill, Bengaluru-18. **No.62, P.K. Quarters B to F block, Venkataswamy thota, presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevan Ramnagar, New Ward No. 137 of Rayapuram, PID No. 44-110-62, Bangalore.**	**East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 20 feet** **East by :** Property belongs to Gowramma **West by :** Property belongs to Gangamma **North by :** Property no. 37 **South by :** 1st Cross Road.	**Rs. 13,34,668/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 5.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 18,30,000/-**	**22.01.2026 02.30 P. M**
9	**Asif Pasha (Deceased) Legal Hires by :- 1. Fareed (Wife), 2. Suhail Pasha (Son) 3. Shuib Pasha (Son), 4) Asma Banu (Daughter) , 5. Nazema Banu (Daughter) & 6. Sheena Banu (Daughter)** No.34/12, Ittige Anjanappa Layout, Bengaluru-53. **No.34/2, Ittige Anjanappa Lane, BBMP Ward No. 30 of K.R. Market, PID No. 30-35-34/2, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 12.9 feet** **East by :** Property belongs to Janakibai **West by :** Road **North by :** Property belongs to Syed Unnissa **South by :** House of Gangaram Singh.	**Rs. 2,18,929/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 20,40,000/-**	**22.01.2026 03.00 P. M**
10	**Smt Maqbool Jan @ Sabirunnissa** No.14, 3rd Cross, LBF Road, Doddamavalli, Bengaluru-04. **No.14, 3rd Cross, lalbagh Fort Road, Old No.5/16, after 4/14, Division No. 39, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 24 feet & North to South :27 ½ feet** **East by:-** Ba Sith Saheb House **West by:-** Road **North by:-** Buranahaddin Md Saheb **South by:-** Ismail Saheb	**Rs. 1,74,909/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 5.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 63,80,000/-**	**22.01.2026 03.30 P. M**
11	**Sri. Babu,** Old No.01, Northern portion New No. 03, 6th Cross Road, Padarayanapura (West), Old Guddadahalli B-26 **New Municipal No. 03, Old No. 01, (North Portion), 6th Cross, Old Guddadahalli, West of padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No. 43, New Ward No. 135 of Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-95-03, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 15 feet** **East by:-** Road **West by:-** Property No. 02 **North by:-** Others property **South by:-** Remaining Half portions of the same number property	**Rs. 13,42,576/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 30,90,000/-**	**22.01.2026 04.00 P. M**
12	**Sri. G. Appajaiah** No. 146, after No. 146/16, present No. 16/1, 6th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-27. **New No. 16/1, Old No. 146/16, after No. 146, 6th Cross Road, Wilson Garden, BBMP Ward No. 62 & new Ward No. 145 of Hombegowda, Nagar, PID No. 62-110-16/1, Bengaluru**	**East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 40 feet** **East by:-** Road **West by:-** Remaining portion of property No 146/16 belongs **to** B. Jagannath Measuring 40 X 40 feet **North by:-** Site No. 147/17 **South by:-** Road.	**Rs. 1,40,90,985/- (Interest from 15.12.2025) Notice Date : 15.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 1,70,00,000/-**	**22.01.2026 04.30 P. M**
13	**Smt. Lakshmi. J,** No. 579/1, 29th Main Road, C.P. Colony, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-69. **No.579, Situated at Corporation Colony, 9th Block, Jayanagar, BBMP Ward No. 64 & New Ward No. 170 of Jayanagar, East PID No. 64-144-579, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 25 feet** **East by:-** Road **West by:-** Site No. 623 **North by-** Site No. 578 **South by:-** Site No. 580	**Rs. 54,48,559/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 67,50,000/-**	**23.01.2026 10.00 A. M**
14	**Sri. Govindaraju. K,** No.618, 1st Stage, 2nd Main Binnamangala, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-38. **No.618, Situated at Binnamangala Extension, 2nd Main Road, Indiranagar, 1st Stage, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 82 of Hoysala Nagar, With PID No. 82-1-618, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : Northern Side : 40 feet Southern Side : 35+5 feet & North to South : Eastern Side : 60.6 feet, Western Side : 26.6+40 feet Total Measuring: 1020 Sq feet.** **East by :** Property bearing No. 617 **West by :** Property bearing No. 619 **North by :** Property bearing No. 637 **South by :** Partly Road & Partly property bearing No. 618/1.	**Rs. 1,50,38,538/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 1,69,80,000/-**	**23.01.2026 11.00 A. M**
15	**Sri. S.K. Prakash Reddy,** No. 09, 01st Main Road, 8th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, S.G. Palya, Bengaluru-29. **New No.17, Old No. 104/2-7-10, Previously Site No. 7,8, 9 & 10 in Sy. No. 104/2, Tavarekere Village, Tavarekere Main road, Sudugunte Palya, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru south Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 63 of Lakkasandra, New Ward No. 152 of Sudduguntepalya, PID No. 63-130-17, Bengaluru**	**East to West : 82 feet & North to South : 146 feet** **East by :** 30 feet Road & Site No. 18 & 25 **West by :** House belongs to S.A Narayanaswamy **North by :** Property belongs to Munireddy **South by :** Property belongs to S.R. Gopala Reddy	**Rs. 10,39,40,217/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 11,74,00,000/-**	**23.01.2026 11.30 A. M**
16	**Sri.V. Govindaraju,** No.14/1, 21st Cross, Near Srirama Temple Road, Ejipura, Vivekananda post, Bengaluru-47. **Northern Portion of bearing Property No.14/1-1, Old site No.10, 21st Cross, Ejipura village, Vivekandan post, BBMP Ward No.68 of Ejipura, Koramangala, PID No.68-20-14/1-1, Bengaluru-47**	**East to West : 24 feet & North to South : 33 feet** **East by:-** Property belongs to Leela Anand Shetty's **West by:-** Common Passage **North by-** Site No.14, belongs to Shivaji Rao **South by:-** Southern portion of property belongs to V. Ramu.	**Rs. 29,45,276/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs. 84,00,000/-**	**23.01.2026 12.00 P. M**
17	**Sri. J. Kothandapani,** No.42, Gundappa Garden, 8th A Cross, Near Sundari Memorial School, Ejipura, Bengaluru-47 **New No. 14/2, Old Northern Portion of Old No. 14/1, formed in Khatha No. 45, Situated at 8th A Cross R A Road, Ejipura , Previously known as Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South , presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 68 of Ejipura PID No. 68-286-14/2, Bangalore**	East to West: 35 feet & North to South: 20 feet **East by :** 15 feet Road **West by :** Drainage **North by :** Gopal' s property **South by :** Remaining portion of same property belonging to Rukmini	**Rs. 51,42,335/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs.68,50,000/-**	**23.01.2026 12.30 P. M**
18	**Sri. Deepak Dhanaraj,** No. 563, 8th Main, 4th Block, Koramanagala, Bengaluru-34. **BDA Site No. 563, EPID No. 1144551784, Old PID No. 68-6-563, 4th Block, Koramangala, BBMP Ward No. 68 of Ejipura, New Ward No. 151 of Koramangala, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 12.20 + 12.90 /2 Mtrs & North to South : 18.00+18.60 /2 Mtrs** **East by:-** Site No. 562 **West by:-** Site No. 564 **North by-** Site No. 568 **South by:-** Road.	**Rs. 2,55,90,756/- (Interest from 17.12.2025) Notice Date : 17.12.2025 Reserve Price : Rs.3,09,00,000/-**	**23.01.2026 01.00 P. M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18 (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Place: Bangalore **Date : 26.12.2025**

Sd/- Authorized Officer The Bangalore City Co. Operative Bank Ltd.

EDITORIAL

"The men the American people admire most extravagantly are the most daring liars" — H L Mencken

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JOBS REMAIN BIGGEST CHALLENGE AS ECONOMY CLOSES A MIXED YEAR

IT'S been an unusual year for the Indian economy. If growth surpassed market expectations to settle at 8 percent in the first half of the fiscal, other macro indicators saw a mixed performance. Merchandise exports struggled amid steep US tariffs, while rupee plunged to new lows. The saving grace was that inflation softened and interest rates eased, making credit more affordable to both households and businesses. Even as growth holds up and private demand turns around, the industry remains reluctant to kick-start the much-awaited private investment cycle, thanks to trade uncertainties, a fragmenting global economy reshaped by wars and shifting supply-chain dynamics. Notwithstanding the government's capital expenditure, if private investments and manufacturing activities do not pick up, job creation and wage rise will remain elusive.

The good news amid the prevailing uncertainties is that India's growth forecasts hold promise both for this fiscal and the next. The IMF pegged it above 6.5 percent for each year, citing personal income tax reductions, an accommodative monetary policy, the ongoing GST reforms, and a likely trade deal with the US. But merchandise exports are coursing through a rough patch—not just to the US, but even to ASEAN economies, even though services exports, particularly IT and business-process management, are remaining robust. As if the export shock isn't enough, currency volatility is brewing fresh trouble. The rupee is in a free fall, and the decline isn't just limited against the US dollar but is ending up as a widespread depreciation. For instance, the RBI's index marking changes against 40-odd currencies fell nearly 9.9 percent this year, which means rupee's depreciation is not just a nominal adjustment but an erosion of purchasing power.

Finally, job creation remains one of the toughest challenges for policymakers. Even though India has seen strong economic growth following liberalisation since the 1990s, the employment rate is yet to keep pace with growth. While the unemployment rate fell from 6 percent in 2017-18 to 3.2 percent in 2023-24, according to official data, India needs to create jobs at a much faster clip to accommodate its growing workforce. As the Economic Survey 2024 noted, India must create 7.85 million non-farm jobs annually till 2030; private estimates suggest the need is for about 10 million jobs in the formal sector every year. Undeniably, that will remain the biggest challenge in the new year, too.

PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL COMMUNITIES

A spate of attacks and disruptions targeting Christmas celebrations and Christian gatherings in some parts of the country has raised serious concerns, coming as it does at a time when the NDA is seeking to engage with the community. Church bodies including the Catholic Bishops Conference of India have spoken out, urging authorities to act decisively to protect believers. They point to more than 1,500 incidents of anti-Christian violence in 2024-25, marking a steep rise over a decade. Many recent cases have been reported from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. There is little evidence to suggest these incidents reflect the views of the wider population; they appear to be driven by fringe elements. Rights organisations warn, however, that repeated inaction risks allowing intimidation to harden into a pattern.

The issue has acquired political salience. In Kerala, where assembly polls are due in a few months, the BJP appears uncertain in its approach towards the Christian community, which accounts for about 18 per cent of the population. The Congress, meanwhile, has moved quickly to foreground incidents from BJP-ruled states. Electoral calculations aside, the larger concern is whether governments are responding with the seriousness that threats to public order and religious freedom demand.

At the national level, the BJP leadership has in recent years made visible efforts to reach out to Christian leaders and institutions. Those gestures, however, ring hollow if violence, harassment and disruption of worship are not met with swift and unambiguous action on the ground. Whatever disagreements may exist over religious practice, there can be no justification for preventing a community from observing festivals or creating an atmosphere of fear around places of worship. Law and order is not a matter of interpretation; it is a core responsibility of the state.

Christians constitute a small minority in India despite a presence extending back nearly two millenniums. That historical rootedness and their demographic vulnerability place a particular obligation on the State to act without hesitation or bias. Protecting citizens and their right to practise their faith peacefully is not a concession, but a constitutional duty. The Constitution guarantees freedom of religion and equal protection of the law. Upholding these guarantees, especially when tested, is essential to preserving the credibility of democratic governance. A clear, firm response is necessary—not to privilege one community, but to reaffirm that intimidation and violence have no place in a constitutional republic.

QUICK TAKE

NOT RISING TO THE OCCASION

A food review is more useful when it advises one to steer clear, because it saves a would-be consumer time, money and probably a pungent belch. But when a celebrated British baker who has opened shop in Mexico City pooh-poohs the proud wheat tradition of the hosts, it's a culture war. After Richard Hart slighted the *tortas* of Mexico, chef Tania Medina retorted, "He wants to be the Christopher Columbus of bread." Maybe Hart didn't stomach the difference between low-starch maize, which has a rich history in the region, and high-fibre wheat. It sounds like a half-baked attempt at attracting heat to make daily bread. Not all that leavens brings in dough.

The return of Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman after 17 years in exile points to BNP's compact with the Yunus regime. Two deaths reveal the alignment of foreign powers

RETURN OF PRODIGAL SON IN BANGLADESH CHANGES PROSPECTS

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY
Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and former High Commissioner to Bangladesh

REGIME-change operations often stray from the script, particularly when orchestrated violence becomes a policy tool. Bangladesh is fast becoming a classic case. Both the US and Pakistan were aggrieved at Sheikh Hasina's cold-shouldering, independent foreign policy stance and her friendship with India. The current bonhomie between these two countries is, inter alia, an expression of the US's gratitude to Pakistan.

One of the most crucial steps of the regime-change operation in Bangladesh was to install Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus as the head of an unelected interim government. In its 17 months in power, his dysfunctional regime has presided over mob violence, economic decline and growing extortion from business houses. There has been a flight of capital, a steep fall in investment, and a fall in GDP growth from a recent peak of 7.5 percent to below 3 percent.

Undeniably, Hasina's own policy miscalculations contributed to her ouster. Apart from corruption, cronyism and manipulating elections, one crucial error was her coddling of selected hardline Islamic groups and a crackdown on others. Madrasas mushroomed, creating a new generation of indoctrinated youngsters. Many of them are fronting violent mobs today.

In this mix, the arrival of Tarique Rahman, the acting chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the eldest son of former PM Khaleda Zia, after 17 years in exile in the UK changes the political matrix before the February 2026 election. It is likely to improve the BNP's chances of winning a majority.

Tarique's return, after acquittal in all cases in which he was convicted, points to a compact with the interim government and Yunus. This compact may have the backing of the regime-change planners, but doubts remain about Tarique's considerable political baggage. Still, India can expect another BNP-Jamaat e Islami (JeI) government emerging from the 2026 elections. Whether it will have a 'reformed' policy agenda with India is the million-taka question.

Tarique will have to navigate pressure from Pakistan and the US. He may find it useful to balance such pressures by improving ties with India. With the Hasina's Awami League banned, it could extend support to the BNP to ensure that the bigger 'devil', the JeI, does not become the bigger partner in a future government.

Meanwhile the JeI, Bangladesh's largest Islamist organisation, is projecting a moderate image and desperately trying to discard its reputation as the Pakistan army's collaborators during the 1971 war. It remains closely aligned with Pakistan and the US and sees the current situation as its best-ever opportunity to grab power. The National Citizen Party formed by student leaders is also in the fray, though without much prospect.

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Anti-Indian rhetoric has risen to new levels. Recently, a student leader threatened to isolate India's northeastern states and provide sanctuary to insurgents from India. It reflects a well-planned effort to fan the flames of a hardened nationalist rhetoric. As a direct conflict with India will be self-destructive, surrogates are being used by these new political players.

The death of young anti-Hasina activist Sharif Osman Hadi, who had founded the cultural platform Inqilab Manch—known for spewing hatred against the Awami League and India—ignited public opinion. This rabble-rouser was shot in Dhaka and died in Singapore. Dhaka was overrun with people mourning his death. His burial site is significant—next to national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in the Dhaka University campus, an unprecedented honour.

Social media was flooded with allegations that the alleged killer had fled to India, though police investigation failed to produce any evidence. Such deliberate provocations have led to another round of testy diplomatic exchanges between Delhi and Dhaka. Mobs burned down and looted two leading Bangladeshi newspapers—*Prothom Alo* and *The Daily Star*. Chhayanaut, a leading cultural organisation, suffered the same fate. Islamists appear to have declared war not only on India, but also on their own country's premier institutions and history.

Another mob attacked Dipu Chandra Das, a Hindu garment worker, on the false allegation of blasphemy, snatched him from police custody, beat him to death, hung his lifeless body from a tree and set it on fire. Police investigation confirmed that the deceased had not said anything blasphemous. India called the incident "horrendous" and "barbaric"; Dhaka reacted by saying the killing should not be "conflated with the security of minorities" and that several culprits had been arrested.

Mobs also attacked India's high commission in Dhaka and consulates in Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet, compelling India to temporarily stop issuing visas. India has officially reminded the Yunus government about its international obligation to provide security to India's diplomatic missions. Indian public opinion is inflamed. Meanwhile, Bangladesh has stopped issuing visas to Indians, and India has restarted issuing visas on "humanitarian grounds".

The UN country office, embassies of the US, Germany, France and the EU, and advocacy organisations like Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International were quick to condole the death of the Inqilab Manch leader. The German embassy went further and flew its flag at half-mast. But the brutal killing of the Hindu garment worker elicited a stunning silence. The selective response is noteworthy. Meanwhile, faced with backlash, the interim government expressed regret and offered funding to the garment worker's family.

India's neighbourhood challenge is being redefined by events in Bangladesh, hitherto a close political and economic partner. India has adopted strategic restraint so far, taking the long view and hoping that the forthcoming election will lead to political stability and a more productive engagement. There are, however, compelling geopolitical factors may force India to reassess its policy.

A Bangladesh-Pakistan military pact seems to be on the anvil. Unverified reports have surfaced of Pakistan and Turkey's intelligence agencies collaborating to create a 'special force' comprising members of Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army, with the target of using it against India and Myanmar. Indian intelligence agencies view the effort as a low-cost, deniable tool that can be used for logistics support and narrative warfare.

All these developments have heightened India's security concerns. Bangladesh must realise that rhetoric and geopolitical reality rarely converge on the same page.

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RESIZING AMERICA'S SENSE OF SELF

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AMERICA'S love affair with monumentalism is hardly a secret: with buildings, warships, automobiles, aircraft—and, most importantly, self-image. So, when this core of self-esteem begins to crack and eventually crumble, we can be sure that something is afoot that will redefine America's sense of self. For better or for worse—which might actually go hand in hand.

Never before has the US introspected more than after Donald Trump took office this January. The most monumentalist president in the 80 postwar years, according to Gallup, he began with approval ratings of 47 percent (21-27 January) but is now down to 36 percent (1-15 December), where it has been stuck since November 3.

This steadily declining graph is a reliable mirror to America's glissading sense of self under the Trump presidency. Trump has been promising big and delivering small. The Epstein files fiasco is a case in point. One of Trump's presidential election planks was the unconditional release of the entire, unredacted Epstein files. In January, Trump reiterated his promise. In February, his attorney general Pam Bondi told an interviewer that an Epstein "client list" was on her desk. The department of justice (DoJ) ostentatiously sent "declassified" dossiers to far-right influencers—but it was material already in the public domain.

On February 21, Trump's ratings fell to 45 percent. A month later, they were down to 43 percent. On April 25, Virginia Giuffre, one of the early Epstein accusers, died by suicide—and between then and May 18, his ratings plateaued. Giuffre's death forced his ratings further down to 40 percent on June 19, two weeks before the DoJ denied that Epstein maintained a 'client list' at all, and that it wouldn't release any more files. On July 21, Trump's ratings plummeted to 37 percent. On October 1, Trump hit a relative high of 40 percent, until Giuffre's posthumous memoir, published on October 19, clubbed the ratings down to 37 percent. They slid further to 36 percent on November 3, where they remained until last declared on December 1.

Meanwhile, the Trump dispensation doubled down on halting the skid, first by releasing emails sent between Epstein and others, then by the Congress passing and Trump signing into law the Epstein Files Transparency Act, and then by the DoJ releasing the records—only to begin massively redacting them from its website within hours of release, especially for documentation to do with Trump.

In the interstices of this stormy diminution of ratings and the public outcry against the harm done by presidential duplicity to juvenile-focused familyism—one of the foundations of American society—other self-critiques began doing the rounds. Trump has always trumpeted his height as 6'3".

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> The fall in Trump's approval ratings through 2025 reflected America's glissading sense of self. It coincided with his team's back-and-forth on releasing the Epstein files. A battle of real and proclaimed statures played out. Portraits of his team, including Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, resized them in the public eye

When photographs surfaced of him walking beside Prince William, who is confirmed as 6'3", in September, Trump appeared six inches shorter. The war of tallness—or *größekrieg*, a war of grandeur—broke hearts across social media platforms, with MAGA warriors sharing the quicksand of doubt with left liberals. Potus guaranteed being larger-than-life in two crucial forms—an ethical promise and his own persona—and fell short in both senses.

There was more to come. On December 16, *Vanity Fair* published '*Eye of the Hurricane*', a wrap of the year in two parts featuring interviews of Susie Wiles, the Trump White House's chief of staff, at length and in depth.

But the most extraordinary revelations came not from the text, but from the posed photographs by Christopher Anderson. They seem prima facie passable portraits of people in power, posing with their best face forward. But the snarky commentary was in the inconsequential dimensions that Anderson reduced these movers-and-shakers to in their architectural environments.

Anderson posed Vance next to a light switch, installed at a particular height by regulation—and this juxtaposition immediately reduced Vance from his self-proclaimed 6'2" to at most 5'10". Karoline Leavitt, the White House press secretary whom Trump has occasionally been raffish about, was photographed in close-up, highlighting her spotted lips pierced by filler injections. Right or left, the horror at the careless feet of clay in the mythified high echelons of the White House left the hoi polloi distressed and 'schadenfreuded' in equal measure.

Meanwhile, Trump is mirroring the citizenry—both shrunken and bullfrogged, but still figure-skating on personal and social bewilderment as if none of this resizing was psychologically revealing or long-term. On December 13, following a trip to Japan, Trump spoke positively about "really cute" kei cars, asking, "How would that do in this country?" It sent the bellwether US automobile industry, predicated on design and factory largeness, into a lather. On December 22, he went big, announcing the commissioning of a new series of ginormous 'Trump class' battleships.

Things are changing in America, but, as a March 2020 report by the University of Georgia pointed out, "Americans who do change tend to report a lower sense of well-being." I wonder if this is going to end well.

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Generation gap

Ref: *Tyranny of RWAs* (Dec 26). RWA office bearers, most of them belonging to older generations, fail to align themselves with the changing norms of society and get involved in moral policing. Residents, too, must behave responsibly, maintain decorum and not disturb neighbours. RWAs must learn to sail along with Gen Z.
R V Baskaran, Pune

Missing half

Ref: *The other half of future* (Dec 26). Predictive systems often replicate biases embedded in historical data. As AI is still in its infancy, humans must ensure that their own shortcomings in matters of gender are not coded into it. It's essential to shape gender-neutral institutions, laws and technologies for an inclusive India that fully harnesses the participation of its 'missing half'.
Anwesha Mishra, Bhadrak

United subcontinent

Ref: *United by blood, split by politics* (Dec 26). We can't turn a blind eye to the happenings in Bangladesh. But it's nonsensical to think of direct warlike action against a sovereign neighbour to protect Hindus there. All parties keep society polarised to reap political gains. In the subcontinent, one can espouse that all inhabitants are united by blood.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Highway tragedy

Ref: *Six dead in bus-truck collision* (Dec 25). The tragic road accident has deeply saddened the local community. In recent days, traffic along this route has increased significantly, and concerns are being raised that long-distance driving fatigue, lack of rest and overspeeding may be contributing to the growing risk of such accidents. It's a stark reminder for the authorities to strengthen safety measures and spread awareness.
Darshan Yadav, Sira

Protect wildlife

Ref: *Poachers kill three blackbucks near Chikkamagaluru* (Dec 25). The killings are deeply disturbing. Allegations of negligence by forest officials and a hurried investigation demand a transparent, high-level inquiry. Blackbucks are a protected species, and such incidents pose a grave threat to biodiversity. The government must strictly enforce wildlife laws, and hold offenders and errant officials accountable.
Umme Haani, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Remembering #DrManmohanSingh on the first anniversary of his passing. I dedicated my most recent book, #OurLivingConstitution, to him in tribute.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
When the gathering of loved ones is adorned, sir, you become gracious, and to others, you issue the decree of a warning.

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
Sacrifice of the 10th Guru of Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, and his family is an unparalleled example of humanity, faith, and courage in the history of our nation and world.

Zero tolerance on terror: Shah

At NIA meet, home minister bats for national platform where different agencies share ideas

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday inaugurated a two-day Counter-Terrorism Conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), as he said that terrorism is the biggest threat to humanity and everyone must work together to defeat it. He went on to add that such a conference acts as a national platform where different agencies share ideas and strategies to prepare effective plans to eliminate terrorism.

The minister, during the inaugural session, also unveiled the NIA's updated crime manual – Organised Crime Network Database and Lost/Looted and Recovered Weapon Database.

In his address, the Home Minister said, "Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'zero tolerance' against terrorism, this annual conference has become a platform to deal with emerging threats."

The minister noted that in the last three years, "we have moved forward in the direction of making this conference an annual tradition, and it is not merely a forum for discussion, but actionable points emerge from here, and the NIA, along with all related agencies of the states, continuously work throughout the year towards their implementation.

'Landscape of terrorism in world has been changing'

Noting that the landscape of terrorism in the world has been changing due to the use of technology in terrorist incidents alongside technological advancements, Union home minister Amit Shah said, "We too must prepare to prevent this by anticipating invisible future challenges and counter them."

"As a result, we are succeeding in building a strong anti-terrorism grid across the country. The objective of this conference is also to analyse all terrorist incidents that occurred in the country and the world in the past year, along with the intelligence received about them, and to enhance our counter-terrorism capabilities accordingly," Shah said.

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Speaking about the three new initiatives being launched at the event, Shah said, "The updated crime manual prepared by the NIA was released today. I request all the Director Generals of Police from the states to form a team in their respective states and ensure that they study this manual for investigation and prosecution purposes."

During the conference last year, there was a consensus among various central and state agencies and police forces on the need for stronger collaborative efforts backed by a standardised strategy to combat the menace of terrorism, particularly with respect to cybercrime and financial terrorism.

The Home Minister said that a database on organised crime networks has also been released and noted that they initially operate for the purpose of ransom and extortion, but when their leaders flee abroad and settle there, they automatically come into contact with terrorist organisations and then use the proceeds from ransom and extortion to spread terrorism within the country.

The conference was attended by Union Ministers of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, the Union Home Secretary, the Secretary of countering R&AW, the Director General of NIA and many other dignitaries.

The conference is being attended by senior police officers from states/UTs, officers from central agencies/departments dealing with issues related to counterterrorism and experts from related fields such as law, forensics and technology.

Deadline extended for emergency procurement of defence equipment

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on Friday extended the Emergency Procurement (EP) mechanism, aimed at strengthening operational preparedness.

Sources confirmed that "The scheduled DAC meeting on Friday took up the sole case of Emergency Procurement (EP) and was postponed to be held soon, and will be taking up important procurement projects."

The EP provision was introduced following the May 2020 standoff with the Chinese PLA. It empowers authorities in cases of urgent or operationally immediate military necessity linked to preparedness for contingencies such as war or war-like situations, natural calamities and similar emergencies.

The core objective of delegating these powers is to fast-track the procurement or repair of equipment, items, materials, and stores, as well as the provisioning of urgently required services for the successful conduct of operations.

The Competent Financial Authority (CFA) for Emergency Procurement (Capital) up to ₹300 crore rests with the Vice Chiefs of Staff of the three services — the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The defence budget allocated by the government for 2025–26 has been pegged at ₹6,81,210.27 crore, of which ₹1,80,000 crore is earmarked for capital acquisition. The government's financial year runs from April 1 to March 31 and is used for annual financial planning and budgeting.

Budgetary allocations are broadly divided under capital and revenue heads. However sources said, emergency procurement is time bound, as a project once approved has to be signed within six months of its approval and the supply has to be completed in an year from the signing date. There are certain important cases, told the sources, which are not yet completed

Capital outlay is intended for the acquisition of new systems and equipment, as well as the creation of military infrastructure. Allocations to the armed forces under revenue expenditure (excluding salaries) are intended to meet sustenance needs and operational commitments.

The Defence Acquisition Council which is usually chaired by the Defence Minister, is the highest decision-making body for defence policy and capital procurement, and its approval of an Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) marks the first step in the acquisition process.

FAST-TRACKING PROCESS

WHAT IS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT (EP)?
- Fast-track procurement for urgent operational needs
- Triggered during war, war-like situations, or emergencies
- Introduced after 2020 India-China standoff

DAC DETAILS
- Chaired by Defence Minister
- Highest body for defence capital procurement
- Grants acceptance of necessity (AoN) marking the acquisition

Plan to double originating train capacity in 48 cities

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN a first-of-its-kind initiative amid sustained growth in passenger travel demand, the Ministry of Railways has decided to expand coaching terminals and enhance sectional and operational capacities in a planned manner over the next five years.

The objective is to meet emerging and projected travel demand by 2030 across 48 major cities in the country. After extensive deliberations covering all aspects, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has accorded priority to this long-pending requirement, setting a deadline for completion by 2030. The initiative aims to significantly ease congestion at busy stations that witness heavy footfalls of originating and terminating passengers.

"We are expanding coaching terminals, enhancing sectional and operational capacities in various cities to meet rising passenger demand and reduce-congestions", Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday.Under this mega plan, the railways intend to double train-handling capacity in 48 major cities over the next five years. Short- and medium-term measures proposed by railway zones will contribute to the required capacity addition, particularly at high-density stations.

The plan includes major infrastructure upgrades such as construction of additional platforms and terminals in and around urban areas, along with multi-functional facilities to handle new originating trains. Cities identified for these developments include Mumbai, Hyderabad, Jodhpur, Bangalore, Kolkata, Delhi, Pune, Chennai, Gaya, Patna, Puri, Jammu and several others.

Existing infrastructure will be augmented to meet future requirements through the creation of additional platforms, stabling lines, pit lines and adequate shunting facilities.

As part of the effort to double the number of originating trains, the railways will identify and develop new terminals in and around urban centres, supported by maintenance facilities. A critical component of the plan involves increasing sectional capacity through traffic facility works, signalling upgrades and multi-tracking, which will be essential to manage higher train volumes at key locations.

For instance, in Pune, Hadapsar, Khadki and Alandi have been identified for capacity enhancement, alongside additional platforms and stabling lines at Pune station. Following the Railway Minister's directive, a comprehensive, city-wise plan for all 48 major cities is under consideration, covering works that are planned, proposed or already sanctioned to achieve the target of doubling train-handling capacity within a defined timeframe.

The cities included in the plan are Delhi, Mumbai (CR, WR), Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Patna, Lucknow, Pune, Nagpur, Varanasi among others. Notably, a majority of these stations experience consistently high footfalls due to pilgrimage traffic throughout the year.

New airlines may have little impact: Experts

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE sudden clearance given to two new airlines—the Kozhikode-based Alhind and FlyExpress—by the Centre, which awaited the nod for nearly a year, and the Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu himself announcing the decision appears to be a strong message in light of the disruption caused by the IndiGo crisis from December 1 to 9. However, experts are weighing in if the new airlines can impact the domestic market.

The dominant opinion among aviation professionals is that the newbies may not have any impact on the market share of players like IndiGo, Air India, and Air India Express. Captain C S Randhawa, president of the Federation of Indian Pilots, is critical of the decision. He said, "All these three airlines have neither enough funding nor expertise. The best of the airlines have not survived. No regional airlines have survived in this country. These airlines are not a threat to any operating airlines in the country as they cannot survive on non-UDAN routes."

Shank Air, based in Uttar Pradesh, too was given the nod last year and plans to begin operations in 2026.

Smaller airlines face the challenges of finances, aircraft leasing, pilot availability, sustainability, and competitive fares, he said. "The government needs to bring fuel under GST and give subsidies to encourage big corporate houses to enter aviation with a big bang to break the existing duopoly," he added.

Randhawa is of the opinion that regional airlines only increase regional connectivity and the government needs to change its outlook for the sector to change. "There is an urgent need for the government to relook at the aviation policies of the country," he said.

An Airline Pilots Association of India representative told this newspaper that the new airlines cannot have big aircraft to disturb the exsiting market share pattern. "IndiGo presently has 434 aircraft, and it took them two decades to reach this position. The new airlines need to lease A320 aircraft only from it. Orders placed at Boeing by Air India for the 737s are getting delayed. It will take the new airlines at least two decades to reach the position of these airlines," the source said. SpiceJet and Akasa Air have been around for some time, but they have between 20 and 30 aircraft and cannot match up to IndiGo and Air India, he added.

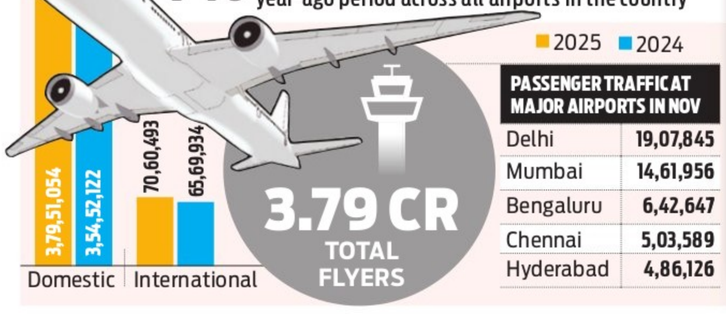
However, Captain G R Gopinath, who pioneered the low-cost airline concept in the country through Air Deccan, seemed positive about the move. He said, "Permitting new airlines to operate is good for the country, as the industry will become more vibrant. The public stand to benefit, as the prices will be kept under check. Airlines will become more effective and service-minded. It is good that the government is doing it and it will benefit all."

Aviation expert Captain Mohan Ranganathan gave zero chances of the new airlines offering any competition. "Where are the captains? The title of a 1971 Robert Stirling novel 'She'll Never Get off the Ground' is apt to describe their situation," he said.

Earlier, Alhind CEO Reena Abdul Rahiman told this newspaper that the Thiruvananthapuram-Kochi-Kozhikode sector was its priority and to facilitate this, the company had started a base in Kochi airport as early as August 2024. Alhind Air will begin its operations with two ATR 72-600 aircraft, with plans to scale up to seven within the first year.

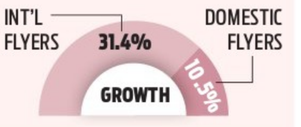
GROWTH IN DOMESTIC TRAVEL IN NOV

7% growth in passenger traffic in November from the year-ago period across all airports in the country



PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT MAJOR AIRPORTS IN NOV	
Delhi	19,07,845
Mumbai	14,61,956
Bengaluru	6,42,647
Chennai	5,03,589
Hyderabad	4,86,126

RESURGENT GOA
Despite the negative publicity for Goa due to deaths in a club, taxi monopoly, overpriced hotels, and overcrowded beaches, international patronage to the tourist haven shot up.



Bravery awards for 9-yr-old, 11-yr-old posthumously

KAVITA BAJELI-DUTT @ New Delhi

NINE-YEAR-OLD Vyoma Priya lost her life while trying to save a six-year-old during an electrical accident in their gated community park in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore. Kamlesh Kumar, an 11-year-old, died while bravely attempting to save another child in the Durgawati river near Jaipur village in Bihar's Kaimur district.

The two were among the 20 young boys and girls who were conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025 by President Droupadi Murmu on Friday.

Lauding the award-winning children for bringing "pride to their families, communities, and the entire country," the President said, "The greatness of a country is certain when its children are filled with patriotism and high ideals."

Remembering the brave deeds of the two children who were awarded posthumously, she said, "Nine-year-old daughter Vyoma Priya and 11-year-old brave son Kamlesh Kumar lost their lives while saving the lives of others with their courage."

The President also conferred the awards in six categories—bravery, art and culture, environment, social service, science and technology and sports.

The President praised 10-year-old Shravan Singh from Chak Taran Wali, Ferozepur, Punjab, who showed exceptional courage during Operation Sindoor by making daily high-risk supply runs to frontline soldiers and motivating his family and community to support the Army, despite constant threats from hostile drones.

"Shravan Singh, amidst the risks associated with war during Operation Sindoor, regularly delivered water, milk, and lassi to the Indian soldiers stationed at the border near his home. Whereas, the differently-abled daughter Shivani Hosuru Uppara has achieved extraordinary accomplishments in the world of sports, overcoming economic and physical limitations," she said.

"It is because of talented children such as the seven-year-old Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika that India is considered a chess powerhouse on the world stage. Ajay Raj and Mohammed Sidan P, who saved the lives of others with their bravery and intelligence, deserve the praise they receive," she said.

"Vaibhav Suryavanshi has made a name for himself in the highly competitive and talent-filled world of cricket and has set many records," she added.

Among those the President mentioned was Muhammed Sidan P, an 11-year-old Class 6 student from Palakkad, Kerala. He saved his two friends from electrocution while they waited for their school bus.

Talking about the significance of the Veer Bal Diwas, the president said that about 320 years ago, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh Guru, and his four sons had made the "supreme sacrifices" while fighting for truth and justice.

CJI: 'Multi-door courthouse' for comprehensive dispute resolution

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant said on Friday that he he envisions a transition towards a multi-door courthouse where the court is a comprehensive centre for dispute resolution and not merely a place for trial.

Addressing a conference on 'Mediation: How significant in the present-day context', organised by the India International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER) in South Goa, Justice Kant said mediation is increasingly being accepted as a successful, cost-effective and win-win settlement for both litigating parties. "Mediation is not a sign of the law's weakness, but rather its highest evolution. It is a true transition from a culture of adjudication to a culture of participation where we cultivate harmony," he said.

The CJI, however, said that though he is an advocate of mediation, it does not mean that cases coming up before courts will be mechanically referred to mediation. "There is an internal exercise carried out by a team of experts who identify whether a case is suitable for settlement through mediation. Only such matters are referred to mediation," he said.

The CJI also clarified that courts are prepared to adjudicate disputes on merit when mediation does not succeed. "We have to be mentally prepared that where mediation does not succeed, the matter has to come back to court. We do not shy away from our responsibilities," the CJI said.

He said that the success of mediation lies in the mediator's ability to speak not only the local or regional language, but also the dialect, expressions, and cultural idiom of the person for whom the mediation is being conducted.

Asserting the need for mediation training, he said there are 39,000 trained mediators, but there is a gap in demand and supply. Justice Kant emphasised the need for a larger number of mediators from district courts to the apex court. For effective implementation of mediation at all levels, the country needs more than 2,50,000 trained mediators, said the CJI.

The campaign 'Mediation for Nation' was launched in July this year to cut judicial pendency by resolving several kinds of disputes, including matrimonial, commercial and motor accidents, he said.

JHARKHAND

CM Hemant Soren said protection of tribal self-governance, dignity and cultural heritage is his government's priority, on Friday. The PESA law, which strengthens their rights, pride, and self-governance will prove to be a milestone, he added.

16 DETAINED FROM DRUG HOTSPOTS IN J&K DISTRICT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	25	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	37	22	Panaji	34	27
Jaipur	38	24	Patna	38	23
Amritsar	33	18	Lucknow	38	21
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	36	28	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	21	07	Chandigarh	34	18

● Second case within days of another murder ● Youths seek govt's help for rescue ● Accused drew ₹16 lakh salary from state for 10 years

Indian student shot dead near Toronto varsity

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A 20-year-old Indian student was shot dead near the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, prompting Canadian police to seek public help in finding the suspect. The victim has been identified as Shivank Avasthi, a doctoral student, who was found with a gunshot wound on Tuesday. Police said the incident marked Toronto's 41st homicide of the year.

In a statement, the Toronto Police Service said, "On Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at approximately 3:34 p.m., police responded to a call for an Unknown Trouble in the Highland Creek Trail and Old Kingston Road area. Officers located a male victim with a gunshot wound, and he was pronounced deceased on scene." Police added that "the suspect or suspects fled the area prior to police arrival." Authorities confirmed the victim as "Shivank Avasthi, 20, of Toronto," and urged witnesses to come forward. "Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7400 or Crime Stoppers anonymously," the statement said.

The Consulate General of India in Toronto expressed grief over the death and said it is supporting the family. In a post on X, it said, "We express anguish over the tragic death of a young Indian doctoral student, Mr. Shivank Avasthi, in a fatal shooting incident near the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus." It added that officials are "extending all necessary assistance in coordination with the local authorities."

Avasthi was also a member of the University of Toronto Scarborough cheerleading team. Paying tribute on Instagram, the team wrote, "We are saddened and in shock by the sudden loss of a beloved Maroon." Remembering his energy, the post said, "He brought a smile to anyone's face, and he will always be part of our UTSC Cheer family."

The killing comes days after another Indian national, 30-year-old Himanshi Khurana, was found murdered in Toronto, raising renewed concerns within the community there.

Cyber fraudsters in Myanmar trap 100 from Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A dream of foreign jobs has turned into a nightmare for more than 100 youths from Gujarat who are trapped in a cyber-scam in Myanmar. Lured by fake data-entry offers, they say they are hiding in fear, broke and desperate, and pleading with the Indian government to bring them home.

Most of the youths are from Vadodara district, including Savli and Desar talukas. Agents promised easy work, good pay, and a better future abroad. The promise collapsed the moment they landed. Instead of offices, they allege they were locked in compounds and pushed into illegal cybercrime. Those who refused were threatened and forced to work for 14 to 18 hours a day.

Their plight became public after a video appeal went viral. In the clip, tired young men ask the Government of India and the Ministry of External Affairs for urgent rescue. They claim they have spent nearly 20 days in "hell-like conditions," hiding in a small safe house in Myanmar's Maya Wadi area, with little money, weak phone batteries, and fading hope.

Kunjan Shah from Sandhasal village shared the reality in an audio message. "We were called here in the name of a job," he said. "We were forced to work illegally for 14 to 18 hours. We escaped when we got a chance. Now we have no money, no balance, and no support."

Fear grew after Ahmedabad Crime Branch busted a similar Myanmar racket. Realising the danger, the youths fled captivity. They say Myanmar authorities cleared their immigration, but no Indian help has reached them. Back home, Kunjan's parents broke down. "We don't want money," they said. "We just want our son back." On Friday, Savli MLA Ketan Inamdar wrote to the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and External Affairs Minister, urging immediate action. Families across Gujarat now wait, asking one question: when will their sons return?

UK-based UP preacher booked over Pak links

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Enforcement Directorate has opened a money laundering case against Maulana Shamsul Huda Khan, a UK-based Islamic preacher from UP, after an FIR by the Anti-Terrorist Squad flagged alleged radical links and suspicious foreign funding. Khan, a native of Azamgarh, was appointed an assistant teacher in a government-aided madrassa in 1984 but left India in 2007, later settling in the UK and acquiring British citizenship by 2013. Despite living abroad, he allegedly continued to draw a salary for nearly a decade, earning around ₹16 lakh, and later secured voluntary retirement with full benefits in 2017.

Investigators say he "fraudulently availed medical leave, updated service records, and remained on paper a serving employee" while overseas.

ED sources claim Khan amassed properties worth ₹33 crore in Sant Kabir Nagar and deposited about ₹5 crore in cash from "suspicious entities". Multiple FIRs have been registered under cheating, forgery, FEMA provisions, and charges including concealment of foreign citizenship and waging war against India.

An ATS report dated March 25, 2025, alleges he travelled frequently to Pakistan for "dawah-related activities" and maintained links with clerics and organisations in Lahore, Karachi, and Rawalpindi. The probe also flags interactions with separatist-leaning individuals in Jammu and Kashmir and attempts to build ideological influence in eastern Uttar Pradesh after 2017.

Post-return, Khan established a girls' madrassa in Khalilabad and floated two NGOs, which allegedly received foreign donations. Authorities sealed his madrassa campuses this year over financial irregularities, suspecting them to be "operational nodes for foreign fund inflows". The government suspended four officials from the Minority Welfare Department, calling the case "one of the most extraordinary instances of administrative collusion and systemic breakdown".

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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Rise of another son in SAD politics likely

Anantveer Singh Badal, son of Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal, was seen campaigning in Lambi seat for zila parishad and block samiti polls. A graduate in economics, he moved in a cavalcade, meeting youngsters, touching elders' feet and posing for photographs. Party's old timers accompanying him claimed that the young Badal might be launched into politics from traditional family seat. This came days after Sukhbir declared that he would contest 2027 assembly polls from Gidderbaha. He had also hinted at his son joining politics soon. Lambi was represented by Parkash Singh Badal for five straight terms before losing in 2022.

Haryana set to get new DGP on January 1

Haryana is set to get a new DGP on January 1, as the officiating incumbent OP Singh retires on December 31. The UPSC prepares a panel of three IPS officers and sends it to the state government for selecting the DGP. On December 16, the state sent the records of five officers -- Shatrujeet Kapur (1990 batch), SK Jain (1991 batch), Ajay Singhal (1992 batch), Alok Mittal and Arshinder Chawla (both of 1993 batch). The UPSC has sought the status of the FIR in which former DGP Kapur is named. Kapur was divested of the DGP post on December 14 after his name figured in former IGP Y Puran Kumar's suicide note.

'Don't cross limits': LoP warns Himachal officials

Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur alleged that some officers were acting against the BJP at the behest of the Congress-led state government and cautioned them against acting under political pressure. He accused the Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government of doing vendetta politics against the BJP. "Do not cross the limits. Very little time is left; officers and leaders violating law under pressure should remember that accountability will be fixed. The next government will act strictly, but within legal framework," Thakur warned. This comes days back Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri hit out at officials.

25 Lalu MLAs in touch with BJP: Minister

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A fresh political slugfest erupted in Bihar after a senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and state agriculture minister, Ram Kripal Yadav, on Friday claimed that all 25 MLAs of the opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) were in contact with his party.

Yadav, once a trusted aide of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, claimed that RJD MLAs could join his party at any given time. "RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's party is finished. He will be out for a duck," he claimed.

Mocking Tejashwi's foreign trip, Yadav alleged that Tejashwi was ashamed of facing people after his party's humiliating defeat in the recently concluded assembly election.

"I am saying with all seriousness, all 25 of his MLAs are in touch with our party. They can join BJP at any time. Take care of your party; there is nothing left," he remarked while addressing Tejashwi, who was the chief ministerial face of the INDIA bloc in the recently concluded Bihar assembly election. The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) party, however, has not issued any official statement.

BJP says ready to contest 140 seats, leaves 78 for Shinde Sena in BMC polls

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN view of the alliance of Thackeray brothers, the BJP has decided to compromise with deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction by offering it 78 seats for the 227-member Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) election, keeping 140 seats for itself. The election is scheduled for January 15 next year.

Sources in the BJP claimed that the BJP had planned to contest all the 227 seats on its own but the party's national leadership felt that it could alienate the Marathi vote base. "Our top leadership in Delhi did not want to take any chance, because the decision to go solo might have sent a wrong message to the Marathi voters. They still have influence on over 150 BMC wards," said a senior BJP leader, who requested anonymity.

The state BJP leadership, according to him, was forced to compromise on the issue. "Earlier, Shinde's Shiv Sena demanded an equal number of seats, but later became firm on 100 seats against the offer of 50 seats. A final offer of 78 seats has been made to it," he said.

The leader added that keeping Shinde on board became a compulsion after Uddhav and Raj Thackeray joined hands for the BMC election and aggressively wooing Marathi voters.

"We are confident of the consolidation of the BJP's core vote base of Gujaratis, Marwaris, and north Indians. The upper caste Marathi, like Brahmins, does vote for us, but we need lower caste Marathis as well. Here Shinde's Sena plays a role," he said.

Sources added that deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar has been asked to contest separately and concentrate in area where minority voters can influence the outcome, "so that they do not shift to the Congress and Uddhav Thackeray".

The BJP has also decided to accommodate Union minister Ramdas Athwale's Republican Party of India (Athawale) from its quota of 140 seats.

SIR done in UP, 19% voters may be deleted from rolls

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AS the deadline for Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list in Uttar Pradesh ended on Friday, the details of 2.89 crore voters couldn't be collected. The SIR deadline had been extended twice earlier but was not extended a third time.

Now the work of filling and submitting enumeration forms has been completed. Currently, there are 15.44 crore names in the voter list, and out of these, 2.89 crore (approx. 19%) names are likely to be deleted.

According to sources, among the 2.89 crore voters whose names will be deleted, 1.26 crore have migrated, 46 lakh are deceased, 23.70 lakh are duplicates, 83.73 lakh are absent, and 9.57 lakh are from other categories. UP's Chief Electoral Officer Navdeep Rinwa said that the draft voter list would be released on December 31, 2025.

Claims and objections on the draft voter list would be accepted from December 31 to January 30, 2026.

Meanwhile, from December 31 till February 21, 2026, decisions on enumeration forms and disposal of claims and objections would be done during the notice phase. Then the final voter list will be released on February 28, 2026.

Mapping of 2003 voters' list also completed

The work of mapping the voters list of 2003 with the current voter list has also been completed. About 91 per cent of people included in the current voter list from the 2003 voter list have been matched. Now notices will be sent by the Election Commission to only nine per cent of people, which forms about 1.11 crore people.

It may be recalled that the Election Commission of India had extended the SIR deadline on December 11 for the second time by two weeks to December 26, 2025.

Not only this, but the work of mapping the voters list of 2003 with the current voter list has also been completed. About 91 per cent of people included in the current voter list from the 2003 voter list have been matched. Such voters have been matched by their own names, parents, grandparents or maternal grandparents' names.

Now notices will be sent by the Election Commission to only nine per cent of people, which forms about 1.11 crore people. The notices would be sent by the ECI to their homes. They will have to provide documents to the Commission as proof of being voters.

Currently, all necessary measures are being taken for publication of the clean voter list. All district DMs have been ordered to release the draft voter list with full caution. Full transparency should also be maintained in the disposal of claims and objections going forward.

Pilot joins Aravalli protests, Raj Cong plans to step up offensive with march

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DESPITE the Centre's claim that no fresh mining leases will be issued in the Aravallis, the political fight over the fragile range is growing sharper in Rajasthan. On Friday, NSUI took out a large march in Jaipur, drawing thousands of students and activists.

Congress general secretary Sachin Pilot joined the protest, saying the Aravallis are "not just hills, but Rajasthan's natural shield". His son, Arhaan Pilot, made his first appearance at a political protest, adding symbolic weight.

The Congress plans to carry the agitation to Alwar on Saturday through a public awareness march led by Bhanwar Jitendra Singh, Govind Singh Dotasra, Tikaram Jully, and Pawan Khera. Former chief minister Ashok Gehlot has also kept the issue alive online, warning that

"silence today will cost generations tomorrow."

The controversy deepened after a petition to the President objected to defining the Aravallis only as hills above 100 metres. Congress leader Charmesh Sharma argued the yardstick "ignores ecology and rewards destruction", while a complaint was also sent to the NHRC.

Congress leaders admit that earlier protests on MNREGA changes and the National Herald case failed to mobilise people. In contrast, they say the Aravalli issue has struck a chord, especially as nearly 90 percent of the range lies in Rajasthan.

Officials say clarity is awaited, while protests are set to widen across the region. The issue has put the BJP on the defensive, with senior leaders largely avoiding detailed public responses.

40% quota for open merit in J&K triggers uproar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

JAMMU and Kashmir's reservation policy has again come under scrutiny after only 40% of 1815 police constable and 480 medical officer posts were allocated for Open Merit aspirants despite comprising over 70% population in the Valley.

J&K Police has advertised 1815 constable posts, including 934 in Jammu and 881 in Kashmir. Of the 1815 posts, 728 (40%) have been allocated for OM aspirants. The remaining 60% have been reserved for various categories—145 for SCs, 181 each for ST1, ST2 and Residents of Backward Areas (RBA), 147 for OBCs, 72 for Area Adjoining Actual Line of Control/International Border (ALC/IB), and 180 for EWS.

Earlier, the health and medical education department referred 480 medical officer posts to the J&K Public Service Commission for direct recruitment. Of these, 192 posts were reserved for OM aspirants. The

remaining were allocated to reserved categories—38 for SCs, 48 each for ST-1, ST-2 and RBA, 39 for OBCs, 48 for EWS, and 19 for ALC/IB.

The allocation of 40% posts for OM has brought the reservation policy, revised by the Lt Governor's administration ahead of last year's Assembly elections, into sharp focus. At present SCs have 8% quota, STs 20%, EWS 10%, RBA 10%, OBCs 8%, and ALC/IB 4%. Besides, there is 10% horizontal reservation, including 6% to ex-servicemen and 4% to persons with disabilities (PwDs).

The J&K Open Merit Students Association (J&K OMSA) said that after horizontal reservations and reserved-category candidates occupying OM seats, general category aspirants could be left competing for 200 to 300 posts, as seen in previous police recruitments. The OMSA demanded a halt to recruitments until a transparent and equitable reservation policy is implemented.

Sahil Parray, a representative of a group advocating for Open Merit aspirants, said jobs are slipping away and OM is being reduced to zero. "Our frustration is not entitlement; it is exhaustion. Our anger is not rebellion; it is survival," he said. The J&K cabinet has approved a sub-committee report on reservation and forwarded it for approval to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha. The LG's approval is awaited.

Sources said the report has proposed 10% increase in OM quota by reducing the EWS quota by 7 % and RBA by 3%.

Mirwaiz makes changes in his 'X' profile bio

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar

SEPARATIST conglomerate Hurriyat Conference chairman and cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq has removed the designation of 'Chairman All Parties Hurriyat Conference' from his X profile. He claimed that authorities warned him of taking down his X handle if he failed to make changes in his X profile and described it as a "Hobson's choice".

The edited bio on Mirwaiz's X now mentions only his name and location details. He has over 2.31 lakh followers on the social media platform of X.

Mirwaiz has also altered his bio-profile to spiritual leader of Kashmiri Muslims on his Facebook account.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RAYAGADA (R&B) CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

e-mail ID - sepwd_rgda@yahoo.com, Phone/Fax No - 06856 - 22304

e-Procurement Notice Bid Identification No. C.C.E (R AND B) RGDA- 11/2025-26 (Online) Dt. 20.12.2025

No.2181 Date.20.12.2025

B-883

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1.	The Chief Construction Engineer, Rayagada (R&B) Circle, Rayagada on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover mode to be received in online mode only for the construction of works as detailed in the table below:		
2.	Nature of work	:	BuildingWork
3.	No of works	:	01 (One) No of work
4.	Estimated Cost. (Approximately)	:	Rs.153.56
5.	Bid Cost (Online)	:	Rs. 10,000/-
6.	EMD/ Bid Security Amount (Online)	:	One Percentage of the Estimated Cost.
7.	Class of Contractor	:	B, A & Special Class only as per Financial Eligibility.
8.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website.	:	11.00 Hours of Dt.29.12.2025 to 17.00 Hours of Dt. 13.01.2026.
9.	Date of opening of Bid	:	11.00 Hrs of. Dt. 15.01.2026.
10.	The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tendersorissa.gov.in.** Any Addendumonly /Corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.		

OIPR-34154/11/0027/2526

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rayagada (R&B) Circle, Rayagada

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre – II, Koramangala Bangalore #12, Ground, 2nd& 3rd Floor,80 Feet Road, 1st Block,Koramangala, Bangalore-560034.Karnataka, India. Email: maintracpc2.ban@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE - 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

A/c No.: SBI/RACPC/SISIR/KRMANGALA/HL/64052188122

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **06.09.2025** issued, calling upon the **BORROWER/Guarantor: BORROWER 1) Smt. Nanjamma. W/o Shri Eshwarappa.** Malligangamma Extension,Dinnur Cross,Anekal, Bangalore-562106. **Also at: 1) Smt. Nanjamma. W/o Shri Eshwarappa.** Municipal No. 413/2723/38, Bangiramaiah Layout, Bidaragere Road, Anekal, Bangalore-562106. **Guarantor: 1) Sri. K Gangadhar S/o Late D Krishnappa.** Near Gandhi Circle,Anekal, Bangalore-562 106. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.11,29,631 /- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 02.09.2025,** and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **22.12.2025**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.11,29,842/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two Only) as on 19.12.2025**, and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Assessment No. 413/2723/38, measuring 9.15 X 12.20 Meters situated in ward No.7/2 at Bhangi Ramayya Layout, in Anekal Town bounded on the: **East by :** Site No 37, **West by :** Site No.39, **North by :** Property Belonging to Ammayamma, **South by :** Road.

Date: 22.12.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC- II, Koramangala ,Bangalore

UNION BANK OF INDIA

(AGovernment of India Undertaking)

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on the dates mentioned below for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union Bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits are also mentioned hereunder.

Union Bank of India, Doddakanahalli Branch
Shivuz Plaza,Sarjapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560035.
E-mail: ubin0819921@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor: **(1) Mr. Akber Bin Mohammed alias Akbar Bin Mohammed, Address 1:** S/o Mohammed Bin Abdul Majid, D.No.67, 8th Main, Td Cross, Bikasipura, ISRO Layout, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, **Address 2**: 10-1-570/A, Chinthal Basti, Khairathabad, Hyderabad- 500004, Telangana **(2)Mr. Abdul Majid Bin Mohammed alias Majeed Bin Mohammed (Guarantor), Address 1:** D.No.67, 8th Main, Td Cross, Bikasipura, ISRO Layout, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, **Address 2:** 10-1-570/A, Chinthal Basti, Khairathabad, Hyderabad- 500004, Telangana.

Amount Due : Rs.1,19,56,069.75 (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Sixty Nine Paise Seventy Five only) as on 30.11.2025 with further interest from 01.12.2025, cost and expenses

Description of the Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No. 51 , New Corporation No. 192 76/1/51, having BBMP EPID No.9000966701 (Old PID No.76/1) situated at Vaddarapalya, Valagerehalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the limits of BBMP Ullalu ward No. 130, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 50-0 feet, North to South: 30-0 feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq. feet vacant site , bounded on the:- East by :Private property, West by : Road, North by :Site No 50, South by : Site No 52.

Reserve Price:Rs.1,72,50,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
EMD: Rs.17,25,000/-
(Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only).

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Doddakanahalli Branch Contact No: 6901865159

Union Bank of India, Ulsoor Road Branch
No.21, Ulsoor Road, Opp: Telephone Exchange, Bengaluru-560042
Mail ID-: ubin0800996@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name and Address of the Borrower & Co Borrower & Guarantor: (1) **Mr. C Venkatesh,** Address:S/o Chinnappa,No.6,6th cross, J S Nagar, Saraswathipuram,Near Ganapathi Temple, Nandini Layout,Bangalore-560096, (2) **Mrs. Chandrakala,** Address:W/oC Venkatesh,No.6,6th cross, J S Nagar, Saraswathipuram,Near Ganapathi Temple, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096

Amount Due :Rs.36,62,599.93/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine Paise Ninety Three only) as on 30.11.2025 with further interest from 01.12.2025, cost and expenses

Description of the Secured Assets: EMD of all that piece and parcel of the residential property in respect of eastern half portion of site bearing No.156, Jarakabande Kaval village, Khata No.1/140, PID No. 13-6-156 situated at 8th cross,3rd main, J S nagar, Nandini Layout, BBMP Ward No.43, Bengaluru-560096 previously Jarakabande kaval village, Yelahanka Hobli, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 600 Sq.ft and bounded by:East by :Site No.155,West by : Western half portion of Site No.156 North by :Site No. 153, South by : Road.

Reserve Price:Rs.51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Only)
EMD: Rs.5,10,000/-
(Rupees Five Lakh Ten Thousand only)

For Auction related queries contact **Union Bank of India,**
Ulsoor Road Branch, **Contact No: 9008555435**

Date and Time of E-auction 28.01.2026 (12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last Date for Submission of EMD : On or before commencement of e-auction
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://baanknet.com and http://www.unionbankof india.co.in**
The online E- auction will be held through website:https://baanknet.com

Date: 23.12.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that my client, **Mr. D. Siva Kumar,** represents that the Original Special Power of Attorney dated: 22/04/2015, executed by Mr.N. Sreenadha Reddy in favour of Mr. D. Siva Kumar, registered as Document No.INR-4-00079-2015-16 (Stored in CD No. INRD140) in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, has been lost or misplaced.

Despite his best efforts, my client has been unable to trace the said original document. He has also lodged a complaint with the local police on **26/12/2025** regarding the loss of the original document.

If anyone finds the above-mentioned document, they are hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned immediately.

Place : Bangalore **Date :** 26/12/2025

Manjunatha A.M. Advocate,
No.20, Basantar Layout, Cheemasandra, Bangalore -560049, Mob:9986157529.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

Crl. Misc. No.621/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. Kishore Kumar D.N And Another... **PETITIONER**

AND: The Tahsildar, Devanahalli... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients namely, Kishore Kumar D.N. S/o Late. D.N. Nagaraju, aged about 47 years, R/at:- Aluruddanahalli Village, Kunadana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District And Smt. Rashmi D.N D/o Late. D. N. Nagaraju, aged about 41 years, R/at:- Bachahalli Village, Kunadana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District they have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Late. Parvathamma W/o Late. D.N. Nagaraju who died on 14-01-1990 at Aluruddanahalli Village, Kunadana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble II Addl Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **09-02-2026** at 11:00 A.M. in C.Mis No. 621/2025.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 26/12/2025

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahali.

SRI. S.N. VIJAYAKUMARA, Advocate
Office at: 1st floor, Lakshmi complex, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural.

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BTM Layout Branch, "Sanskrithi Signet", No. 76, 1st Cross, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 068, Ph: 080-26783144/84, E-mail: btmban@bankofbaroda.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ONLY)

BOB/BTMBAN/ADV/2025-26/234 Date:24-12-2025

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notice dated **17-10-2025** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Jawid Hussain** residing at Site No L-96, BBMP Khatha No 655/L-96, 3rd A Main Road, Near HSR Cricket Academy, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,49,65,961.83 (**Rupees Three Crores Forty-Nine Lakhs Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One and Paise Eighty-Three Only)together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with rules 8 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **24th day of December 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 3,57,23,023.19** (Rupees Three Crores Fifty-Seven Lakhs Twenty-Three Thousand Twenty-Three and Paise Nineteen Only) as on 21-12-2025 with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Equitable Mortgage of all the piece and parcel of the residential site property bearing present BBMP Khatha No 655/L-96, formed by the BDA situated at Sector – 6, HSR Layout, Banglore measuring East to West 24.98 Sq Meters and North to South 15.23 Meters totally measuring 380.44 Sq Meters (4095 Sft) and Bounded by, East by: Site No L-108 and L-109, West by : Road, North by : Site No L-97, South by: Site No L-95

Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Date: 24.12.2025 Bank of Baroda, BTM Layout Branch

BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUB COURT, KANNUR
AS.No: 20/2019

Cannanur Industrial Security Unit : Appellant
V/s
1. M/s SPML INFRA LTD, SPML House, Plot No. 65, Sector 32, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001 representing through its Managing Director.
2. J R.Manjunatha Swami, Father's name and aged about 51 years,General Manager, SPML INFRA LTD Ulsoor Road, Bangalore 560042
3. Kamala Kant Swain, Father's name and aged about 48 years, The Manager, Construction/EPC water, Pattuvam Water Project (KWA) Regional Office, SPML INFRA LTD Ulsoor Road, Bangalore 560042
Respondent/ Defendants

Whereas the Appellant has filed an Appeal against you. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on 05.01.2026 at 11 Am to answer all material questions relating to this Appeal. Take notice that in default of your appearance on court on the date afore said the Appellant will be heard in your absence.

Nisha P
Advocate for Appellant

WESTERN RAILWAY

Material Management Department

VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/74/2025 Date 19.12.2025

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
789	Upgraded High Capacity Draft Gear	2296 Mtr	15-Jan-26
790	CPU Board For WSP System of LHB Coaches	64 Nos	16-Jan-26
791	Starter Lead Acid Battery capacity	489 Nos	16-Jan-26
792	Thin walled E Beam size single core x 240 sq mm	12000 Mtr	16-Jan-26
793	Earth Return Brush device	1474 Nos	17-Jan-26
794	RS resistor field weakening for 3 shunting notches	24 Nos	19-Jan-26
795	Thin walled Electron beam cable with copper conductor single core, Size: 2.5 Sq.mm	318000 Mtr	19-Jan-26
796	Thin walled Electron beam cable with copper conductor single core, Size: 25 Sq.mm, 3000V	32000 Mtr	22-Jan-26
797	Procurement of Bogie Frame complete	23 Nos	26-Jan-26
798	Set of spare for CCB brake system	1 Set	27-Jan-26
799	Thin walled Electron beam cable with copper conductor 19 core, Size: 2.5 Sq.mm	28000 Mtr	27-Jan-26
800	Micro processor Based Electronic Speed Cum Energy Monitoring System (ESMON) For Three phase Electric Locomotives	102 Set	29-Jan-26

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the due date as **"06.01.2026"** and quantity as "107 Nos" for the **Tender Notice No: S-67-2025 Dated: 13.11.2025 at Sr. No. 631**

Please read the due date as "26.01.2026" for the **Tender Notice No S-67-2025 Dated: 13.11.2025 at Sr. No. 679**

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** and **wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** 0933

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Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayath, Chamarajanagar
Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare
DC Office, Room No.121, Chamarajanagar
E-Mail: dswochanagards@gmail.com Phone: 08226-222855

No: DD:SWD:CHN:CR:2025-26 **Dated: 27.12.2025**

Department of Social Welfare, Chamarajanagar District, KPPP Mentor Re-Tender Invited for the provision of Department of Social Welfare, Chamarajanagar, KRIES SCHOOLS SIRIDHANYA Food Re-Tender Maximum Estimated Rs.95.53 lakhs offers in the tender invited by KPP Portal, which can be downloaded online on: 23.12.2025 to 23.01.2026 Till 5.00 PM, Last Date for Submission of Tenders: 23.01.2026 Till 5.30 PM, Bid Opening Date: 27.01.2026 After 10.30 AM and more Further changes to this notification will only be published by E-Procurement.

For More Information/Details Visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Website Or Contact Department Social Welfare Office, Chamarajanagar.

Sd/-
Deputy Director
Dept. of Social Welfare
NO:DIPR:CHANAGAR:595:2025-26 Chamarajanagar

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IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. MISC NO. 497 / 2025

1. Smt. Jayamma, W/o Late Balakrishnaiah, aged about 63 years. **2. Smt. Sunandamma N.B,** D/o Late Balakrishnaiah, aged about 45 years. **3. Sri. Kirankumar N.B,** S/o Late Balakrishnaiah, aged about 43 years. **4. Sri. Renuka Prasad N.B,** S/o Late Balakrishnaiah, aged about 40 years, All are R/at Jayanagara, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk... **PETITIONERS**

AND: THE CHIEF OFFICER, (Birth and Death Branch) City Municipal Office, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble Court under section 13(3) of Registration of Birth and Death Act. 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of grand-father of the 1st petitioner husband and great-grand father of the petitioner No.2 to 4 by name Chikkayallappa @ Yallaga S/o Late Byiayallagaiah was died on 15/06/1961 at Jayanagara, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. the Hon'ble Court has fixed on **28-01-2026** for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11:00 A.M failing which the said application will be heard and determined as expert.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 26-12-2025.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Jn. Division And JMFC Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **RAVICHANDRA .D**
2nd Main 3rd Cross, Dadapeer layout, Sondekoppa Main Road, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that, my client **Mr. M.Muniraju,** son of Late.P. Murthy, No.13/1, 'A' Cross, 1st Main Road, Byatrayanapura, Mysore Road, Bangalore – 560026, has misplaced or not traceable yet of property sale deed , registered as No. 280-1980-81, of Book I, Volume 1497, at pages 105 to108, dated: 10-04-1980, in the Office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore south Taluk. A lost Complaint is lodged with Byatrayanapura Police Station, Mysore Road, Bangalore (Compliant no – 1954625/2025).If anyone founds or objection related to the above document Contact below address within 7 Days.

Date: 26.12.2025 Sd/-
Mr. Sathish Chand. Advocate,
S-Cube Associates,
No.27, 2nd Floor, G.K.Plaza, 5th Cross, Opp. Bus stop, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050.
Mobile - 9900234138

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two cover system) (Through e-procurement portal only)

Item wise tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

(1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3726/Call-2, Dated: 20.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Centralized Lubrication System for Primary Crusher at Unit-3 CHP. **EMD: Rs.24,900/-. For further details contact** The Executive Engineer (CHP), Mechanical-2. **Mobile: +91 94482 90755.**

(02) KPCL/2025-26/IND2301. Dated: 22.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Procurement of Valves. **(03)** KPCL/2025-26/IND2247. Dated: 22.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Procurement of Rubber Expansion Bellows. **(04)** KPCL/2025-26/IND2041/Call-3. Dated: 22.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Procurement of UPVC Pipes & Fittings. **(05)** KPCL/2025-26/IND2300. Dated: 22.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Procurement of Centralised AC & Ventilation System Spares. **For further details contact** The Executive Engineer (Purchases), **BT. Mobile: +91 94808 30377. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders:** For **Sl. No. 01:** 05.01.2026 upto 17:00 hrs., for **Sl. No's. 02 to 05:** 22.12.2026.

BTPS/KPCL, Kudathini - 583152, Bellary Dist., Karnataka

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

(1)KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3812, Dated: 22.12.2025. **Name of the work:** Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Slotting Machine and Universal Drill Grinding Machine to RTPS Central Workshop. **EMD: Rs.42,300/-. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders:** 12.01.2026 @ 17:00 hrs. **For further details contact** The Executive Engineer (MM-1) KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584 170, Raichur Dist., Karnataka. **Mobile: +91 94495 97979.**

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A (See Provison to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symobolic Possession of which has been taken by **The Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for Recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Secured Asset/s Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction Date, Time & EMD are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of the Immoveable Property	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**Mrs. Sreeshaila M J (Borrower) W/o. N D Prabhu, Address :** No.19, Khatha No-55/2, Dore Layout, Gollahalli, Anjanapura Post Tulasipura Main Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560062. **Also Available at :** No. 56, Jayalakshmi Nilaya, A 9th Cross, ISRO Layout, Bengaluru - 560078 and **M/s Ankith Associates, Proprietor Mrs. Sreeshaila MJ Address :** No.102, 4th Cross, Radhakrishna Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560070.	**Schedule Of The Property :-** All That The Piece And Parcel of the Immovable Property Bearing Site No. 19, Khata No. 55/2, Situated at Gollahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Measuring : East to West-30 Feet & North to South 40 Feet in Total 1200 Sq Feet. Bounded on the : **East By :** Site No.18, **West By :** Site No.20, **North By :** Road, **South By :** Site no.24	**Branch : City Engineering College Branch for A/c. 896175110000059, For Recovery of Rs. 56,52,342.40 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Two and Paise Forty) with further interest from 30-03-2025 along with costs and other charges due**	**28-01-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 51,30,000/- EMD : Rs. 5,13,000/-**	**Symbolic**	**10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details +91 77396 13961**

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the **Website : https://www.baanknet.com** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.baanknet.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders.** The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. **Date & Time of E-auction : 28-01-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

Date : 24-12-2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

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E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 20.01.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 20.01.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **19.01.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Venkatesh V,** S/o Mr. Vardaraj, **(2) Mrs. Kavitha Venkatesh N,** W/o Mr. Venkatesh V, **Both are R/at :** No.2518, 14th Main, 64th Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560078, **Also at:-** Flat No. 009, GF, "SPRING SERENITY", Hennur Main Road, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560043. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) TL No. 9457001600006001 (2) TL No. 9457001600006801**	**Total Rs.98,49,494.00 [(1) Rs. 86,04,518.00 12.06.2023 + (2) Rs. 12,44,976.00 09.06.2023]**	**12.02.2025 Physical**	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing Flat No.009, 2 BHK,** in the **Ground Floor** of Apartment called as **"SPRING SERENITY",** measuring Super Built up area of **1300 Sq.ft.** along with one car parking in stilt floor with an undivided share of land measuring **493 Sq.ft.** out of land measuring **24079 Sq.ft.,** constructed on the property bearing **Municipal No.616/31/7,** situated at Hennur Village, Hennur Main Road, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560043. **belonging to Mr. Venkatesh.V and Mrs. Kavitha Venkatesh.V. Boundaries of Property : East by :** Remaining part of Survey No.31/7, **West by:** Hennur Main Road and Private Property, **North by:** Remaining part of Survey No.31/7, **South by:** Private Property. **Boundaries of Flat Property : East by :** Corridor & Open Area, **West by:** Open to Sky, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Flat No.008.	**Rs. 75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Only).**	**Rs. 7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**11.00 AM to 11.15 AM**	**Rs. 50,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Kaggadasapura A/c No: 9453500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000945**
2	**(1) M/s Sri Soubhagyalakshmi Films, Represented by its Proprietrix Mrs. Shobha Rajanna, (2) Mrs. Shobha Rajanna,** W/o Mr. Rajanna G, **No.1 & 2 are addressed at :** # 25/5, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, **(3) Mrs. Gowramma,** W/o Mr. Jayaram, **Addressed at :** 4/4, R.K Mutt Layout, 3rd Cross, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru-560019, **(4) Mrs. Jayamma G,** W/o Mr. Narasimha Murthy N, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Near Shanimahatma Temple, R.K Mutt Layout, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru - 560019, **(5) Mrs. Lakshmamma,** W/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.5, Near Shanimahatma Temple, Kempegowda Nagara, Bengaluru-560018, **(6) Mr. Rajanna G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.67, 14th Cross, Muneshwar Nagara, Ullal Main Road, Bengaluru-560056, **(7) Mr.Ramesh G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, **(8) Mr. Sathish G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Opposite Shaneshwara Temple Road, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru- 560019. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) PDPN A/c No.9707001400000601 (2) PDPN A/c No.9707001400000701**	**Total Rs.1,90,02,838.60 [Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Sixty Onlyi.e [(1) Rs.1,49,62,758.68 11.12.2025 + (2) Rs.40,40,079.92 11.12.2025**	**28.03.2023 Constructive**	All that part and parcel of southern portion of the property bearing **Site No.51, PID No.49-38-51, measuring 654.50 Sq.ft** as per document [East to West- (26+18)/2 feet, North to South-(29.5 +30)/2 feet] , 617 Sq.ft as per Physical measurement with Residential Building constructed thereon, situated at Old BBMP Ward No.49, New BBMP Ward No.142, Kempegowda Nagar, Ramakrishna Mutt Layout, Bengaluru, mortgaged by **Mrs. Lakshmamma, Mr. Rajanna G, Mrs. Gowramma, Mr. Ramesh G , Mr. Sathish G and Mrs. Jayamma G. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road, **West :** Site No.50, **North :** Remaining portion of same property No.51, **South :** Road.	**Rs. 85,30,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 8,53,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Only)**	**10.30 AM to 10.45 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Bull Temple Road A/c No: 9703500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000970**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **20.01.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **19.01.2026**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 26.12.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer, Karnataka Bank Ltd.

6 dead
and 21 wounded in mosque bombing in Syria

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

US launches missiles at Islamic State targets in northern Nigeria

Strikes come after Nigerian government provided intelligence on terrorist whereabouts

LAGOS

NIGERIA on Friday signalled that more strikes against jihadist groups were expected after a Christmas Day bombardment by US forces against militants in the north of the country, which it said was a joint operation with its military.

The west African country faces multiple interlinked security crises, with jihadists waging an insurgency in the northeast since 2009 and armed "bandit" gangs raiding villages and staging kidnappings in the northwest.

The strikes came after Abuja and Washington were locked in a diplomatic dispute over what US President Donald Trump has characterised as the mass killing of Christians amid Nigeria's myriad armed conflicts. A Pentagon official told AFP that "the Department of War worked with the government of Nigeria to carry out these strikes" and that they "were approved by the government of Nigeria", without saying whether Nigeria's military had been involved.

US defence officials later posted a video of what appeared to be a nighttime missile launch from the deck of a battleship flying the US flag.

Meanwhile, Nigeria's military said in a statement that its forces, "in conjunction with the United States", had conducted "precision strike operations".

Both countries said the strikes targeted militants linked to the Islamic State group, without providing details. Washington's framing of the violence in Nigeria as

A missile being launched from a US warship on Thursday

amounting to Christian "persecution" is rejected by the Nigerian government and independent analysts, but has nonetheless resulted in increased security coordination.

"It's Nigeria that provided the intelligence," the country's foreign minister, Yusuf Tuggar, told broadcaster Channels TV, saying he was on the phone with US State Secretary Marco Rubio ahead of the bombardment.

Asked if there would be more strikes, Tuggar said: "It is an ongoing thing, and we are working with the US. We are working with other countries as well." The Department of Defense's US Africa Command said "multiple ISIS terrorists" were killed in an attack in the northwestern state of Sokoto.

Residents in the far-flung villages of that state told AFP they were shocked by the blasts. The strikes hit multiple locations, including a town that residents said was not a militant stronghold.

Which of Nigeria's myriad, and well-documented, armed groups were targeted remains unclear. *AFP*

Najib sentenced to 15 years in 1MDB corruption case

Jailed former prime minister of Malaysia Najib Razak arrives for a court hearing | AFP

KUALA LUMPUR

A Malaysian judge sentenced former prime minister Najib Razak to 15 more years in jail on Friday after convicting him of abuse of power and money laundering in a sovereign wealth fund graft scandal.

Najib was also fined 11.4 billion ringgit ($2.8 billion) for his role in the plunder of billions from the now-defunct 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) more than a decade ago. He is already serving a six-year term after being convicted in a separate 1MDB case, and Judge Collin Lawrence Sequerah said Najib's latest term would begin only after that sentence was completed.

Sequerah convicted the 72-year-old former leader on all four counts of abuse of power as well as all 21 counts of money laundering, involving around 2.28 billion ringgit ($554 million) from the fund.

Najib, dressed in a navy blue suit and white shirt, was seen looking down, slumped in his seat as the judge read the verdict after a marathon eight-hour hearing.

The son of one of Malaysia's founding fathers, Najib was groomed for leadership from a young age but fell from power spectacularly as public anger mounted over the corruption scandal.

Investigations under successive governments have ensnared him and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, in graft allegations since his loss in 2018 elections.

Prosecutors say Najib abused his positions as prime minister, finance minister and 1MDB advisory board chairman to move vast sums from the fund into his personal accounts.

According to investigators, proceeds from the fund were used to bankroll high-end real estate, a luxury yacht and precious artworks, including a Monet and a Van Gogh.

Sequerah dismissed several of the arguments of Najib's defence team, including that he had been duped by his close associate, the shadowy businessman Low Taek Jho who is better known as Jho Low.

"The evidence clearly points to the fact that this was no coincidence but was evident of a relationship in which Jho Low operated as a proxy or agent of the accused (Najib) with regard to the running of the affairs of 1MDB," Sequerah said. *AFP*

A scandal that shook Malaysia

Malaysia's sprawling 1MDB corruption scandal allegedly saw senior figures siphon off billions in state funds—splashing the cash on luxury homes, a Monet painting, and even a Hollywood blockbuster

2009 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), a state investment fund, is launched under Prime Minister Najib Razak

2012 Tens of millions of dollars are allegedly used by Najib's stepson, Riza Aziz — an aspiring film producer — to help finance *The Wolf of Wall Street*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio

$4.5 billion
That's the amount US investigators say was diverted from 1MDB between 2009 and 2015 by fund officials and their associates

2014 Alarm bells ring as 1MDB's debts swell to around $11 billion, with growing questions over missing money. The US Department of Justice later opens a major investigation, alleging stolen Malaysian funds were laundered through the US financial system to buy luxury assets

CHARGE AGAINST GOLDMAN SACHS

- Malaysia charged Goldman Sachs for its role in arranging 1MDB bond sales
- Prosecutors said bank officials helped divert large sums and bribed officials to secure contracts, while misleading investors

Palestinian rams car into Israeli man, stabs woman

JERUSALEM

A Palestinian killed two people in a stabbing and car-ramming attack in northern Israel on Friday, triggering the defence minister to threaten a crackdown on the assailant's village in the occupied West Bank.

The attack came a day after an Israeli military reservist dressed in civilian clothes rammed his vehicle into a Palestinian man in the West Bank, where violence has surged since the war in Gaza began.

The Gaza war, sparked by Hamas' attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, also set off several attacks by Palestinians inside Israel that have left dozens dead. "Preliminary investigation indicates this was a rolling terror attack that began in the city of Beit Shean, where a pedestrian was run over," Israeli police said in a statement about Friday's attack, adding that the victim was a 68-year-old man.

"Later, a young woman was stabbed near Road 71, and the suspect was ultimately engaged with gunfire near Maonot Junction in Afula following intervention by a civilian bystander," it said, adding the attacker

Israeli police personnel inspect the car used in Friday's attack | X.COM

was taken to hospital.

Both victims succumbed to the injuries, Israel's Magen David Adom emergency services said in a statement.

The Israeli military said the attacker had "infiltrated into Israel several days ago".

In a later statement on Friday, the Israeli police said the attacker, a 34-year-old man, was a resident of Qabatiya and had taken his employer's vehicle to carry out the attack. After ramming the vehicle into two individuals, the attacker continued and struck a vehicle.

Following the attack, Defence Minister Israel Katz ordered the military to launch an operation in Qabatiya, after it emerged that the attacker came from there. Katz instructed the army "to act forcefully and immediately against the village of Qabatiya, from which the terrorist emerged, to locate and thwart every terrorist and strike the village's terror infrastructure," his office said. *AFP*

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 813

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EXPRESS READ

Japan's Cabinet okays record defence budget

Tokyo: Japan's Cabinet approved a record defence budget plan exceeding 9 trillion Yen (USD 58 billion) for the coming year, aiming to fortify its strike-back capability and coastal defence with cruise missiles and unmanned arsenals as tensions rise in the region. The draft budget for fiscal 2026 beginning April is up 9.4% from 2025 and marks the fourth year of Japan's ongoing five-year programme to double annual arms spending to 2 per cent of gross domestic product.

9 children injured in drone strike in Pakistan

Peshawar: Nine children, including three girls, were injured when a drone struck a madrassa in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, officials said on Friday. The drone targetted the religious seminary located in Shadikhel in Tank district on Thursday while children were attending classes, they said. Rescue 1122 teams rushed to the spot and shifted the injured to the District Headquarters Hospital in Tank said. Hospital authorities said the injured comprised three girls and six boys.

Rahman visits father's grave in Dhaka

DHAKA

BNP acting chairman **Tarique Rahman** on Friday visited the grave of his father and Bangladesh's former president Ziaur Rahman in Dhaka, a day after he returned home from self-exile in the UK. Rahman reached Zia Udyan in a red-and-green bulletproof bus and paid floral tributes at the grave, offering 'dua' and 'munajat' for the eternal peace of his father's soul, news portal *bangla.dailysun.com* reported.

The 60-year-old Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader returned to the country on Thursday after over 17 years. He has been living in London since 2008. This is the first time in almost 19 years that Rahman has paid tribute at his father's grave, *tbsnews.net* reported.

The last time he did so was on September 1, 2006, when he was serving as BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General, marking the party's founding anniversary, it said.

BNP founder Ziaur Rahman was a Bangladeshi military officer who served as the sixth president of Bangladesh from 1977 until his assassination in 1981. He retired from the army in 1978 with the rank of lieutenant general. Rahman stood before the grave with visible emotion and offered fateha. He was seen wiping tears with a handkerchief, *The Daily Star* newspaper reported.

Though the distance between Rahman's Gulshan residence and Zia Udyan is only 8 km, it took him one hour and 51 minutes to reach the grave due to the massive presence of party leaders and workers, who lined both sides of the road, making the route narrow. *AFP*

Furore after PIO dies waiting 8 hours at Canada hospital for treatment

TORONTO

A 44-year-old Indian-origin man has died of suspected cardiac arrest after waiting for more than eight hours for treatment in a Canadian hospital's emergency room area, a media report has said.

Prashant Sreekumar began experiencing severe chest pains while at work on December 22, *Global News* reported on Wednesday.

A client drove him to the Grey Nuns Hospital in southeast Edmonton, where Prashant was checked in at triage and then took a seat in the waiting room.

His father, Kumar Sreekumar, soon arrived. He told me, "Papa, I cannot bear the pain,'' Kumar said. Kumar said his son told him and hospital staff the pain was a 15 out of 10. They did an electrocardiogram (ECG) on him to check his heart's function, but the family said Prashant was told there was nothing of significance and to keep waiting.

Staff also offered Prashant some Tylenol for his pain. He waited, and waited some more. Kumar said as time passed, nurses would check Prashant's blood pressure.

"It went up, up, and up. To me, it was through the roof."

Eight hours went by before Prashant was called to treatment area.

"After sitting maybe 10 seconds, he looked at me, he got up and put his hand on his chest and just crashed," Kumar said. Nurses called for help but it was too late. Prashant died of an apparent cardiac arrest, the report added. A video has been circulating on social media that shows Prashant's wife narrating the hours-long ordeal.

"We expect better from the hospital and health-care system," family friend Varinder Bhullar said. *PTI*

Another 4 yrs needed to fully restore Chernobyl radiation shield

KYIV

INSIDE an abandoned control room at Ukraine's Chernobyl nuclear power plant, a worker in an orange hardhat gazed at a grey wall of seemingly endless dials, screens and gauges that were supposed to prevent disaster. In February, a Russian drone hit and left a large hole in the New Safe Confinement (NSC), the outer of two radiation shells covering the remnants of the nuclear power plant.

It functions as a modern high-tech replacement for an inner steel-and-concrete structure—

Workers stand next to the debris and damaged panels at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant following a drone attack earlier this year | AFP

known as the Sarcophagus, a defensive layer built hastily after the 1986 incident.

Ten months later, repair work is still ongoing, and it could take another three to four years before the outer dome regains its primary safety functions, plant director Sergiy Tarakanov told AFP in an interview from Kyiv.

"It does not perform the function of retaining radioactive substances inside," Tarakanov said, echoing concerns raised by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The 1986 meltdown at the site was the world's worst ever nuclear incident. Since Russia invaded in 2022, Kyiv fears another disaster could be just a matter of time.

The strike had also left it unclear if the shell would last the 100 years it was designed to.

The gaping crater in the structure, which AFP journalists saw this summer, has been covered over with a protective screen, but 300 smaller holes made by firefighters when battling the blaze still need to be filled in. Scaffolding engulfs the inside of the giant multi-billion-dollar structure, rising all the way up to the 100-metre-high ceiling. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule properties from its owner Viz. **R Lakshmisha S/o Ramaiah** (owner of Item No-1of the schedule properties) and **Naveen Kumar. R S/o Ramaiah** (owner of Item No-2of the schedule properties)

The said Owners assured my client that they are the absolute owners having absolute right, tittle, ownership, possession and enjoyment and They both have every right to sell individually the Schedule Properties in favour of my client and the Schedule Properties is free from any encumbrance, leases, lien or hold and it has clear marketable tittle. If any person/s having any objection for the said sale transaction with respect to the schedule properties he /she/ they make contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/lien details/dispute within (7) seven days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above said owners as if there is no third party claims/objections/disputes with respect of the schedule properties and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

Schedule Of The Property

Item No-1:All the piece and parcel of Layout-Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No.68/3 measuring to an extant of 00-20 Gutas situated at Chinnakurchi Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South taluk vide official memorandum Dated: 23/10/2025 with Affidavit Id No: 800807, issued by deputy commissioner Bangalore urban district and bounded on East by :Land bearing Sy.No. 68/4.West by :Land bearing Sy.No68/2, North by :Land bearing Sy.No66, South by :Land bearing Sy.No 68/5.

Item No-2:All the piece and parcel of Layout- Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No.68/4 measuring to an extant of 00-20 Gutas situated at Chinnakurchi Village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South taluk vide official memorandum Dated :23/10/2025 with Affidavit Id No: 800809, issued by deputy commissioner Bangalore urban district and bounded on East by: Land bearing Sy.No 113 &114 (old Sy.No67).West by:Land bearing Sy.no 68/3. North by:Land bearing Sy.no 66.South by: Land bearing Sy.no 68/5.

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#45, KG Lakkanahalli,
Lakshmipura(P), Dasanapura Hobli,
Bangalore North-562162
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients have negotiated with Mr. Hidayathullah Jagirdar S/o Abdul Hasan, to Purchase Vacant Site No.130, Khatha bearing No. 273/1107/155/130, RDPR PID No. 152900209090220977, Situated at KODIHALLI VILLAGE, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District Measuring East to West 12.192 Meter & North to South 9.144 Meters, in all Measuring 111.48 Square Meters bounded by : East by : Venkatappa House, West by : Govt. Road, North by : Allabakhash House, and South by : Praveen House, and the same is acquired by him under a registered sale deed dated 21/04/2025, Doc No.KNK-1-00829-2025-26, in the office of the Sub Registrar Ramanagara (Kanakapura) executed by Smt.Sarojamma and others.

If any person/s Bank/s and or Financial Institution/s Religious institutions, asserting any manner of right, title, claim, interest or objections to above transaction the same shall be notify to the undersigned within 15 days from today failing which my clients would be at liberty to get the Sale Deed Registered.

ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
AKHIL AHMED .P, Advocate
No.3, 1st Floor, 100 Ft. Ring Road,
Near Water Tank, BTM 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560 029. M - 9880354972
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the original Advance Sale Agreement dated 28/11/2011 executed between **Sri. Shivanna, Smt. Ratnamma, Sri. Murthy, Smt. Rukminamma** (the owners) and **Smt. Rashmi P Ambali** (the purchaser) for the property bearing Sy No. 402, measuring 0 Acre 35 ½ Guntas out of 1 Acre 31Guntas, situated at Hosuru Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dst, Bounded

East by : Land belongs to H.K. Shivaraju,
West by : Land belongs to Srinivas,
North by : Land belongs to Jayalakshmamma
South by: Land belongs to Cheluvaiah,

has been lost. The report of the same has been lodged at the police station. If found, kindly return the document to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Further, all persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with the said landowners regarding the above property. If anyone has already carried out or is carrying out any such transaction, kindly inform the undersigned in writing at the below-mentioned address within 7 days from the present notice.

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367.25 ▼	Sensex	85,041.45	₹770 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹140,170	₹6,000 ▲	1 kg	₹240,000	▲	Dollar	89.82
99.80 ▼	Nifty	26,042.30	₹700 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹126,500	₹60 ▲	10 gm	₹2,400	▼	Euro	105.85

Coforge to acquire US co Encora for ₹17k cr

Acquisition to scale hitech and healthcare verticals, expand nearshore delivery capacity and increase client base in US

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

INDIA'S IT services company Coforge, formerly NIIT Technologies, will acquire US-based engineering services company Encora for ₹17,032 crore through a swap of 93.8 million equity shares at ₹1,815.91 each, which is 14.5% premium to Friday's close. Coforge is also planning to pay off Encora's debt by raising a term loan of $550 million funds through a bridge loan or QIP issue.

The company will acquire 100% of shares of Encora US Holdco, Inc. and Encora Holdings Ltd (Cayman) from Advent International, Warburg Pincus and other minority shareholders, whereas Encora will have 21.25% in the combined firm, Coforge said in regulatory filings. The enterprise value of the transaction is $2.35 billion.

The company said the acquisition is a defining moment for the firm. "This acquisition will position the company as the capability leader in AI-led engineering services underpinned in data and cloud. Encora, with its Silicon Valley roots, brings strong AI-native DNA and a composable agentic platform (AIVA) that enables it to build intelligent workflows."

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IT services company Coforge

As per a company statement, the combined entity is projected to become a $2.5 billion tech services powerhouse. "In FY27, $2 billion revenue is expected to accrue from the enterprise core of AI-led engineering, cloud and data services alone. The acquisition will immediately scale Coforge's hitech and healthcare verticals, expand its nearshore delivery capabilities in LATAM, and increase its client footprint in the US West and Midwest," said the company.

Encora is backed by Advent International and Warburg Pincus and offers AI solutions for product, cloud and data engineering, estimating that it would help generate revenue of $2 billion in next financial year. Encora has a large and widespread nearshore delivery capability with over 3,100 delivery team strength in its LATAM Delivery centers.

The value of the transaction is $2.35 billion, of which $1.89 billion will be financed through equity and balance through bridge loan or qualified institutional placement (QIP) of debt securities. The pricing of QIP will be determined by SEBI regulations at the time of transactions. The acquisition is subject to shareholder's approval which will be secured within 30 days, and regulatory approvals which are expected to take another four to six months.

The consolidated turnover of Encora Group in FY25 was $516 million and $481 million in FY24. In FY26, it is expected to hit $600 million with adjusted EBIDTA margin of 19%. As per the statement, Coforge's North America unit generated only 25% revenue from US West and Mid-west, whereas post-acquisition the North America business is expected to witness a jump of 50% to $1.4 billion.

Infosys to offer entry-level salary of up to ₹21 lakh

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

INFOSYS on Friday confirmed that it is offering compensation of up to ₹21 lakh per annum for specialised roles for freshers graduating in the academic year 2026.

Responding to a TNIE query, Shaji Mathew, Group CHRO, Infosys, said the company continues to lead the industry in its AI-first approach across everything it designs and delivers for clients. He further said achieving this vision requires not only upskilling its existing workforce but also bringing in digitally native talent with deep expertise and high learnability.

"These new hires will be guided and mentored to work on complex problems, advanced technologies, and enterprise grade platforms for our customers. As in the previous years, our early career hiring strategy integrates both campus recruitment to meet forecasted talent needs and off campus hiring to support just in time requirements. While we have always offered multiple roles for early career professionals, we have now expanded opportunities within the specialist programmer track. This includes compensation packages of up to ₹21 lakh per annum," he said.

The company is planning to recruit engineering and computer science students for specialised roles for a salary package of between ₹7 lakh and Rs 21 lakh. According to media reports, a fresher joining as a specialist programmer L3 (trainee) will earn ₹21 lakh a year. Those hired as specialist programmer L2 will get ₹16 lakh, while L1 trainees will earn ₹11 lakh. Digital specialist engineer (trainees) will be offered a package of ₹7 lakh per year. These roles are open to graduates with BE, BTech, ME, MTech, MCA and integrated MSc degrees, mostly from computer science, IT, and select circuit branches like ECE and EEE.

Following the Q2 results, Infosys chief financial officer (CFO) Jayesh Sanghrajka said the company has recruited nearly 12,000 freshers in the first half of the financial year 2026, and its target is to hire nearly 20,000 fresh graduates by the end of this fiscal. "We have a net addition of over 8,000 employees. We had set a target at the beginning of the year to hire around 15,000 freshers for FY26," he had said after the results.

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LOAN

PNB declares 2 Srei accounts of ₹2.4k cr as fraud

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

STATE-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) has reported a ₹2,434 crore of loan it had extended to crippled infra lender Srei as fraud to the RBI.

The reported fraudulent borrowing is linked to the former promoters of Srei Equipment Finance and Srei Infrastructure Finance, both in the NCLT since 2021.

Other lenders such as Punjab & Sind Bank, Bank of Baroda, and Union Bank of India had also earlier declared their respective loans to Srei companies as fraud.

In an exchange filing on Friday, PNB said of the total fraudulent borrowings, ₹1,240.94 crore are related to Srei Equipment Finance and the remaining ₹1,193.06 crore are related to Srei Infrastructure Finance.

The third-largest public sector lender also said it has 100% provisions for these loans.

According to the bank, the declaring these two accounts as frauds are based on a forensic audit by KPMG, which pointed to irregularities such as loans to connected parties and potential evergreening of loans.

However, Srei founder Hemant Kanoria has challenged the KPMG report as the basis for the fraud classification, noting the matter is sub-judice.

The Srei group has been undergoing insolvency resolution process since 2021, and the National Company Law Tribunal has approved a resolution plan submitted by the National Asset Reconstruction Company in 2023. Like DHFL and Reliance Capital, the Srei group was sent to the NCLT by the Reserve Bank in October 2021 after it had found governance issues and defaults and the regulator superseded the boards of Srei Infrastructure Finance and Srei Equipment Finance. In February 2023, NARCL emerged as the successful bidder for SIFL and SEFL which together owed ₹32,750 crore to lenders.

Tata Steel faces €1.4 bn lawsuit in Netherlands

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SFW has not provided supporting evidence: Tata Steel

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STITCHING Frisse Wind.nu (SFW), a Dutch nonprofit organisation, has sent legal notice to Tata Steel's unit seeking €1.4 billion (about ₹14,800 crore) compensation for alleged environmental harm and health damages caused to people in the Netherlands due to hazardous emissions.

Tata Steel in a regulatory filing to the exchanges said on December 19, 2025, SFW served a writ of summons on two subsidiaries of Tata Steel Limited - Tata Steel Nederland B.V. and Tata Steel IJmuiden B.V. (collectively referred to as TSN).

The proceedings initiated by SFW concern a collective action under the Dutch Act on Collective Settlement of Mass Claims (WAMCA). In this action, SFW states that it is acting on behalf of residents living in the vicinity of TSN. The litigation has been filed in the District Court North Holland (Haarlem).

The proceedings pertain to allegations by SFW, holding TSN liable for alleged damages caused by TSN's operations in Velsen-Noord (including, most importantly, emissions of hazardous and/or harmful substances). Tata Steel's subsidiary TSN said that it is fully prepared to defend against the claim. "In our assessment, SFW faces considerable challenges regarding both admissibility and the merits of its case. Although, TSN is yet to receive the exhibits on which SFW intends to rely, TSN has already identified substantial grounds for defence," said Tata Steel.

As per Tata Steel's filing, SFW seeks € 1.4 billion in compensation on account of increased susceptibility to various health issues and the loss of enjoyment of homes, as the average home value in the region lags behind that of comparable regions. As per TSN, SFW has provided no supporting evidence for the claim, making it unsubstantiated and speculative.

Cos raise ₹2 lakh crore in 2025, Dalal Street sees average 1 IPO a day

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DALAL STREET is closing 2025 just shy of ₹2 lakh crore (₹2 trillion) fundraising through the primary markets, mopping up as much as ₹1.88 lakh crore from 365 initial share sales—104 mainboard issues and the rest SME issues—eclipsing the 2024 record of mopping up ₹1.68 lakh crore.

The year saw average one IPO a day. Investment bankers are expecting the new year to set fresh record. The biggest IPOs lined up for 2026 are of Reliance Jio, Phonepe and Flipkart.

While the 104 mainboard issues have raised a record ₹1,76,151 crore and 44% of this have come from just eight issues, 267 SME issues have raised ₹11,800 crore, totalling ₹1,87,951 crore, according to the data from Chittorgarh.com, an IPO-focused online publication.

In comparison, in a decade from 2015, companies have raised over ₹7.5 lakh crore from IPOs, as per historical data from Prime Database. In 2015, 21 IPOs raised ₹13,614 crore, which rose to ₹26,494 crore in 2016 from 26 issues, 2017 saw 36 issuers collecting ₹67,147 crore, but it declined in 2018 to ₹30,959 crore from 24 issues, and 2019 saw a sharper decline to ₹12,362 crore from 16 issues. Come 2020, 15 issues raised ₹26,613 crore, which rose manifold to ₹1,18,723 crore in 2021 from 63 issuers, but more than halved in 2022 to just about ₹59,302 crore in 2022 from 63 issues, and going down further to ₹54,125 crore in 2023 from 57 issues, but rose sharply in 2024 to ₹1,68,545 crore from 91 mainboard issues raising ₹1,59,784 crore and 240 small issues raising ₹8,761 crore.

But listing gains are the lowest this year with average IPO gains being at just 9%—lowest in a decade. This was 11% in 2022, 29% in 2023 and 30% in 2024. Only a small number of the 91 listings delivered returns above 50%, while many traded lower within three to six months of debut.

As per Chittorgarh.com, of the 103 mainboard IPOs, only 53 issues made listing day gains, 49 made listing day losses, 67 are trading in gains and 35 are in losses. Of the 267 SME issues, 123 made listing day gains, 133 made listing day losses and 162 are in green while 94 are in the red now. Foreign investors continued to participate in primary markets, infusing $7.55 billion into IPOs, even as they sold $24 billion in secondary markets.

NBFCs, capital goods, technology, healthcare, and consumer durables are the leading sectors in terms of funds raised in the year under review with the largest mainboard issues being Tata Capital (₹15,512 cr), HDB Financial Services (₹12,500 cr), LG Electronics India (₹11,605 cr), and ICICI Prudential AMC (₹10,602 cr).

MSMEs SEEK COLLATERAL-FREE CREDIT

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

WITH the Budget around the corner, the MSME industry has asked the finance ministry for relief in terms of taxes and better access to credit. In a letter written to finance ministry by the Association of Indian Entrepreneur (AIE), the major demand of the association is the access to statutory collateral-free lending up to ₹10 crore for micro enterprises with interest capped at 6–7%.

The association highlighted that the micro enterprises have been hit by the recent geo-political turmoil and tariff situations and despite several measures being announced by the government, there has been little on-ground visible impact for the micro enterprises.

The AIE requested for an Export Risk Equalisation Fund to compensate micro exporters impacted by sudden tariff hikes and temporary duty drawback enhancement and interest relief during tariff shocks.

The MSME industries expect the government to ease credit constraints for micro enterprises in next year's Budget. Among their other demands include automatic renewal of working capital limits for GST-compliant units, dedicated micro-lending targets for SIDBI and public sector banks, built-in interest subvention during stress phases, and interest-free loans to support import-substitution projects.

Budget 2025-26 had unveiled a raft of measures to improve credit flow to MSMEs including a credit guarantee cover for micro and small enterprises that was raised to ₹10 crore from ₹5 crore and a guaranteed cover of ₹20 crore for start-ups, with a reduced fee of 1% for loans in 27 priority sectors.

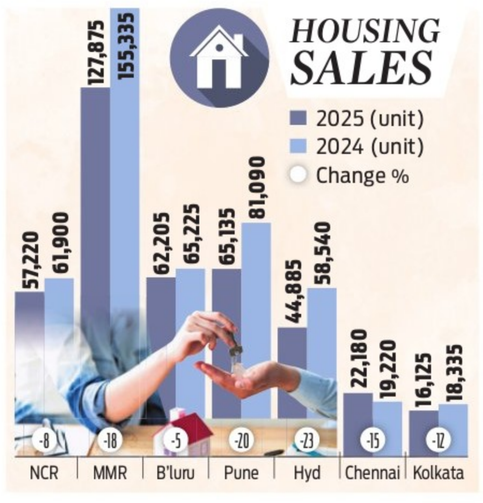
Housing sales crash, inventory soars as prices rise in 2025

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

REALTY sector in 2025 disappointed consumers and most developers with sales struggles plaguing all but top players. Hit by increasing property prices, layoffs in the IT sector, geopolitical tensions, and other uncertainties, the sector reported a sharp dip in housing sales.

Realty consultant firm ANAROCK Research data indicates that housing sales in India's top 7 cities witnessed a 14% decline in 2025, with nearly 3,95,625 units sold in the year against 4,59,645 units in 2024.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) witnessed the highest sales of nearly 1,27,875 units, registering an 18% yearly decline. Pune followed with approx. 65,135 units sold, declining by 20% YoY. The two western markets together led residential sales in 2025, comprising a 49% overall share. Besides Chennai (up 15%), sales declined YoY in all the other six major markets. Hyderabad (down 23%), Pune (down 20%) and MMR (down 18%) registered sharply decline in sales.



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Annually, unsold inventory in the top 7 cities rose 4% by 2025-end, largely because of tapered demand and increased new supply in the year. Approximately 5.77 lakh units are currently on the primary sales market in these cities. Bengaluru recording a significant 23% increase in unsold inventory.

"2025 has been a year of broad-spectrum upheaval including geopolitical turmoil, layoffs in the IT sector, tariff tensions and other uncertainties," said Anuj Puri, Chairman – ANAROCK Group.

"The year's trend was of sale volumes stabilising at near 4 lakh units across the top 7 cities, but growth in overall sales value. Our data shows over 21% of the new supply was launched in the above ₹2.5 crore price bracket. Interestingly, the average residential price growth rate has tapered down from double digits in previous years to single digits in 2025," added Puri.

Prices in the top 7 cities collectively rose 8% annually, and only NCR saw double-digit growth at 23%, largely due to a higher new supply of pricier homes. The other major cities recorded single-digit price appreciation, ranging between 4-9% in 2025 as against last year's 13-27% in 2024. Out of NCR's total new supply of 61,775 units during the year, over 55% was priced over ₹2.5 crore. Owing to a constant rise in property prices and better demand for luxury apartments, the overall sales value of housing units saw a 6% yearly jump - from ₹5.68 lakh crore in 2024 to over ₹6 lakh crore in 2025.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

CABINET APPROVES RECORD $785 BILLION BUDGET

Japan's cabinet under Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Friday approved a record budget of $785 billion for next fiscal year, seeking to balance expansionary spending plans with concerns over rising debt by keeping new bond issuance in check. Amid higher government bond yields and a weak yen, the Takaichi administration has moved to reassure markets that it will avoid excessive borrowing or unfunded tax cuts. The budget for the fiscal beginning in April, to be submitted to parliament early next year, stands at a record 122.3 trillion yen, up from 115.2 trillion yen in the current year. Despite the rise in spending, new government bond issuance will rise only marginally.

CHINA

REVISES 2024 GDP FIGURES DOWNWARDS

China on Friday said it had revised gross domestic product (GDP) figures for last year downwards, state media reported. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of the world's second-largest economy, GDP was revised to 134.8066 trillion yuan (about $19.16 trillion), down 101.8 billion yuan from the preliminary figure. But the final verified GDP growth rate for 2024 remained at 5%, unchanged from the preliminary calculation, said the NBS. China's GDP target for this year remains at "around 5%," said a bureau report. "China's annual GDP goes through two stages of accounting: preliminary calculation and final verification. The final verification is conducted based on the annual statistical data, final fiscal accounts, and departmental administrative records," the report said.

THAILAND

LEVERAGES NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY TO BOOST TOURISM

As thousands of fireworks illuminated the sky over the Chao Phraya River, marking the finale of the annual light festival, Thailand has signaled a step forward in its strategy to revitalise the tourism sector through "night economy." The Vijit Chao Phraya 2025 festival transformed Bangkok's main riverbank into an open-air cultural stage, with 15 curated locations ranging from historic sites and temples to bridges and contemporary landmarks adorned with multimedia light installations, laser effects, projection mapping, and drone shows. As per the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), the 45-day extravaganza attracted over 1.7 million visits and generated an estimated revenue of 5.5 billion baht ($177 mn). Beyond the visual spectacle, the event served as a pilot for the government's broader "night economy" policy, designed to extend visitors' spending hours and encourage overnight stays.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE VIth ADDL. PRL. JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C. NO. 4555/2022

BETWEEN: Smt. Vandana Singh ...Petitioner
AND: Sri. Dilip Prasad .....Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To: SRI. DILIP PRASAD, Aged about 46 Years, S/o. Late. Ashwath Narayan Prasad, R/at No: 111, Sandy Fox Building, District-12, Street-5, Jumeirah Village Circle, Dubai E-Mail ID: dilipprasadpinkv@gmail.com
Also R/at :- No P:7, Balaji Nilaya, 10th Cross, Pipeline Road, SP Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 ....**Respondent**

WHEREAS the Petitioner has filed the above petition against the Respondent seeking for the dissolution of the marriage and the petition filed U/S. 13 (1) (1-a) of Hindu Marriage Act, and such other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before this Hon'ble VI th Addl. Principal Family Judge at Bengaluru. Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day of **31-01-2026 at 11-00 A.M.,** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court **on 29th Day of November-2005.**

By Order Of The Court, Sheristedar Family Court, Bangalore

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E-Mail LD. mursidymilgmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that Sri.Vinayaka K.L., residing at No.92, 4 th Main Road, Vidharanya Nagar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-560023 AND Sri.K.L.Ramesh residing at #104, 3rd Cross, Vidyaranya Nagar, Bangalore Magadi Road, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560023 are the owners of the Schedule Property described infra.

It is noticed that original memo dated 25.02.1972 issued by CITB in favour of A.R.Khan and original sale deed dated 02.06.1972 (doc.no.783/1972-73) page nos.3 & 4 pertaining to the Schedule Property are lost /misplaced. In this connection, an E-Complaint has been lodged on 26.12.2025 at Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, bearing Serial no.1978024.

The finder of the said document is requested to surrender the original memo dated 25.02.1972 and original sale deed dated 02.06.1972 (doc.no.783/1972-73) page nos.3 & 4 to the undersigned **within 07 days** from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the memo and sale deed are irretrievably lost and duplicate /certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost originals for the purpose of records.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of house site bearing no.104, Hosahalli Layout, Vidyaranya Nagar, Magadi Road, Bangalore, measuring East : 35 ft., West : 35 ft., North on the Eastern side: 36 ft., and South on the Western side 34 ft., and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** House no.88, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by** : House no.103.

VANILLA, Advocate
No.520, III Floor, Prabhat Complex, K.G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph - 41247862 & 41224958. Date :26.12.2025

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SALEM DISTRICT

Roc.No.7022/2025/A3 Dt. 26.12.2025

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TRIBAL AREAS 2025-2026
Formation of Road from Kannamoochi Main Road to Kemmampatti at Ch. km 4/80 to km 7/03 H/O Palamalai Village Panchayat in Kolathur Block

ELECTRONIC TENDER NOTICE

1. For details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**
2. E-Bids are invited by **Additional Collector (Dev.), DRDA, Salem District** for the work of **Formation of the Panchayat Union/Village Panchayat Road Kolathur Panchayat Unions** with two Cover System
3. The Package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in from 27.12.2025** to **27.01.2026.**
4. **Last Date and Time**
   i) Last Date and Time for downloading & Submission of E- Bid Documents From **27.12.2025** to **27.01.2026** upto **03.00 P.M**
   ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents **27.01.2026** at **4.00 P.M**

Additional Collector(Dev),
District Rural Development Agency.
Salem.

DIPR/ 6847 /TENDER/2025

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IDFC FIRST Bank

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	36365351, 38191299 & 37640289	Home Loan	1. Anuruba K G N 2. G Sathiss Rajan	10.12.2025	INR 45,75,822.54/-

Property Address : All That Piece And Parcel Of The 3 Bed Room Residential Apartment/flat Bearing Unit No. T-6, Fourth Floor. Block-b, Measuring 1475 Sq. Ft, (super Built Up Area) Along With 368 Sq.ft Undivided Interest Of Right, Title And Interest, Including One Covered Car Parking Area Bearing No. T-6 In Block B In The Basement, In The Multi Storied Building Known As "elegant Embassyiii", Constructed On The Immovable Residential Property Bearing BBMP Khatha No. 390/388/251/2, New No. 251/2, Property Register No. 39, Converted Sy No. 251, Converted For Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order No. Aln(s) Sr(ke) 38a/2010-11 Dated 20/07/2010 Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Situated At Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560098, And Bounded As: **East By: 60 Ft. Road, West By : Land Bearing Sy No. 252, North By : Land Bearing Sy No. 251 Belongs To Sree Sai Property Developers, South By : Land Bearing Sy No. 251 Belongs To Sri.T.Muralidhar And G.Mallikarjuna Naidu**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** . Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 27.12.2025
Place : Bangalore, Karnataka

IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDIL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT COMMERCIAL DIVISION AT BANGALORE
COMM. O.S NO. 121 OF 2025

BETWEEN:M/S GRACE HOSPITALITY ....Plaintiff
AND: M/S INDRAJA BUILDCON PVT LTD AND ANOTHER ...Defendants

SUMMONS

TO: M/S INDRAJA BUILCON PVT LTD
Represented by its Director Ms. Kalappa Tejaswini, 4509, 5th floor, High Point 4 Apartment, Palace Road, Bangalore-29, GSTIN No: 29AAGCI4690BIZI
Email: kalappatejas@gmail. comn
Also at: No. 334, Shanthi Pura, Phase 2, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 099
Email: purchase@indrajabuildcon com
.... **DEFENDANT No. 1**

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against the Defendants for Recover of Money for a sum of **Rs. 17,90,648/-** along with interest @ 18% on **Rs.11,37,621/** liquidated demand in money from the date of the suit, till the date of the Decree. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble X Addl District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural, Commercial Division, at Bengaluru in person/ by a pleader on the **29-01- 2026 at 11:00 AM** to answer the suit, failing which the suit will be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of Court this day of **22-12-2025.**

By the Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar Commercial Court Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients have negotiated with Mrs. BIBI AYESHA, W/o. Mr. Hidayathullah Jagirdar, to Purchase Vacant Site No.127, Khatha bearing No.274/1108/155/127, RDPR PID No. 152900200900220978, Situated at KODIHALLI VILLAGE, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar District Measuring East to West 12.192 Meter & North to South 9.144 Meters, in all Measuring 111.48 Square Meters bounded by East by : Govt. Road, West by : Sarojamma Vacant Site, North by : Shamshad Begum House, and South by : Praveen House, and the same is acquired by her under a registered sale deed dated 19/08/2025, Doc No.KNK-1-07551-2025-26, in the office of the Sub Registrar Ramanagara (Kanakapura) executed by Sri.Venkataapa and others.

If any person/s Bank/s and or Financial Institution/s Religious institutions, asserting any manner of right, title, claim, interest or objections to above transaction the same shall be notify to the undersigned within 15 days from today failing which my clients would be at liberty to get the Sale Deed Registered.

ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to kind notice of all the general public that M/s S.N.N. Properties LLP. A Limited Liability Partnership Firm having it's office at:- No.4, S.N.N. Mind's Eye, 3rd & 4th Floor, Diagonal Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagara. Bengaluru -560011, Represented by it's Designated Partner Sri.Shah Sanjay S/o Late.Shah Sajjan Raj obtained an alleged Registered General power of attorney dated 26.09.2023 vide Document No.DNH-1-00627/2023-24, Registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Devanahalli on 26.09.2023 from my cleints namely Sri.Sonnappa S/o Late.Papanna, R/at: Maligenahalli village, Bidaluru Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and others in respect of the schedule property, by cheating my clients. In that context, my clients issued a legal notice dated 05.12.2025 to the said M/s S.N.N. Properties LLP by cancelling the aforesaid Registered General power of attorney dated 26.09.2023 vide Document No.DNH-1-00627/2023-24, Registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Devanahalli on 26.09.2023. Hence this public notice calling the general public that the aforesaid Registered General power of attorney dated 26.09.2023 vide Document No.DNH-1-00627/2023-24, Registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Devanahalli on 26.09.2023 is hereby stands cancelled and the acts, deeds and things done based on the alleged document are void and not binding on my clients. Hence this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.30/22 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 0-28 Guntas situated at Attibele village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: **East by:** Property of Jathi Farm, **West by:** Remaining property of Sy.No.30/22 of Rajesh Exports, **North by:** Property of Chhabria, **South by:** Property in Sy.No.30/21.

SRI. R.T. NANJEGOWDA, Advocate
Office at:- #3, New Municipal complex, Near new bus stand, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District. Ph: 9845624750.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, my client Sri. Mr. A. Anjan Kumar, Residing at No.403, Sri. Bhagyalakshmi Nilaya, Jain Layout, Jnana Bodhini School, Beside Park, Pavagada Town, Tumukuru- 561202 Karnataka has lost original Sale Deed dated 05-05-2015 registered as Document No. MLR-00863-2015-16. in respect of below mentioned Schedule property while travelling from Bengaluru to Pavagada Bus. My client had lodged an online police complaint on 23-12-2025, Lost Report No. 1972999. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos.7026646668 and 9449856772, in respect of Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property, bearing **Plot No.D26A, Khatha No.469/D26A, PID No. 151900801800120262, in the layout known as Confident Aria-IX, formed out of Converted Survey No. 270 and 265,** duly converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural residential purpose, vide conversion order **No. ALN.SR(K)492/2007-08, Dated 11/08/2008** Situated at **Thoranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft.,** and bounded on:- EAST BY : Road, WEST BY : Plot No. D28A, NORTH BY : Plot No. D27, SOUTH BY : Plot No.D26.

BHARGAV N RAJ, Advocate
Office at No.44, Lalitha Nivas, 2nd Floor, 5th Main Road, 4th Cross, S.G. Palya, C.V. Raman - 560093.
Contact No. 7026646668 / 9880222536

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have negotiated to purchase the Site bearing No.92, Old Katha No.148/1/92, Katha No.2541/148/1/92, TMC Municipal No.8440916687, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totaling to 1500 sq. feet situated at HUNASAMARANAHALLI VILLAGE, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore, more fully described in the schedule herein, from Mr.SRINIVASALU.R S/o Mr.M.Ramaiah.

Any person/s or Authority asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule property or the documents thereof against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of my clients, should write to the undersigned **within 10 days** with all documentary proof failing which my client shall proceed on the basis that there is no claim/s that whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Plot NO.92, Old Katha No.148/1/92, Katha No.2541/148/1/92, TMC Municipal No.8440916687, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totaling to 1500 sq. feet situated at HUNASAMARANAHALLI VILLAGE, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North now comes within the limits of Hunsamaranahalli Town Municipal Council and bounded on:-

East by : Property No.95
West by : ROAD
North by : Property No.93 Mr.Umashankar
South by: Property No.91

Sd/- B. KESHAVA MURTHY
KESARI LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates
Chamber at No.12, I Floor, "Ramanuja Plaza" 5th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.
E-Mail: keshavaadvocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intended to purchase the below mentioned property from its owner Sri.NITIN SAOLAPURKAR (Aadhar No.7463 4575 8499), S/o Late Dr.Vasant Saolapurkar, residing at No.1622, Sucharu, 17th Main, Near Chirag Nursing Home, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078, Persons objecting for the intended purchase or having any right on the schedule property may lodge their objections and/or claims, with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no objections/claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property being **Vacant Site bearing No.78, BBMP Khatha No.2580/210/78, E-PID No.4081137657,** formed out of Survey No.5/1D, duly Converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore accorded the Conversion vide Official Memorandum No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)214/88-89, dated 23-01-1989, Situated at DODDAKALLASANDRA VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring **East to West: 30.0 Feet and North to South: 40.0 Feet, in all Measuring 1200 Square Feet** and bounded on the;

East by : Site No.79,
West by : Site No.77,
North by : Road,
South by : Site No.73.

SUBBAKRISHNA D.P, Advocate
No.228/1, 5th Cross, 13th Main, 2nd Block , BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560 050. Mob: 9480047798.
Date: 27-12-2025

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BANGALORE
O.A. No.1416/2018

Between: Union Bank of India, Chamarajpet Branch, No. 1820, 5th Main, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, Rep. by its Chief Managar. **...Applicant**
And
1. Surendran N. S/o. Nair
2. Vivek P. S/o. Surendran N.,
Both R/at No. 2170, Visvehwaraiah Layout, 2nd Stage, Near Kommagatta Lake, Bangalore - 560 060. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE RULES) 1993,

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.15,55,275/-** as on 09.02.2018 together with current and future interest at 10.25% p a. compounded and other relieves.You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 28.01.2026 at 10.30 a.m.**, in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the above mentioned day, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **23.12.2025**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore

Government Of India
Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/985/2024 IN OA NO. 845/2021
UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
M/S AVHINI ABODE AND OTHERS

In the Matter of:
(CH) Union Bank Of India
(erst While Andhra Bank) Southend Circle Branch
No.3, 6th Main Road, Opp: Traffic Police Station, Manjunath Mansion, 4th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore-560011 Karnataka. **....Certificate Holder**

VS

(CD 1) M/s Avhini Abode A Partnership Firm Rep By Its Parterns 1. Sri vijay Prasad Reddy, 2. Smt.kasturi C.V., No.126/17, Doss Capital, 2nd Floor, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore-56011, Karnataka

(CD 2) Mr. Vijay Prasad Reddy S/o Veera Reddy. Partner Of M/s Avhini Abode, A Partnership Firm, No.126/17, Doss Capital, 2nd Floor, 33rd Cross, 11th Main., 4th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 Karnataka
Also At:
Mr. Vijay Prasad Reddy S/o, Veera Reddy, Partner Of Mis Avhini Abode, A Partnership Firm No. 4, Akshayah, 4th Floor, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, Bob Colony, J.P Nagar, Bangalore-560078 Karnataka

(CD 3) Mrs. Kasturi C.V W/o, Vijay Prasad Reddy, Partneer Of M/s Avhini Abode, A Partnership Firm, No. 126/17, Doss Capital, 2nd Floor, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 Karnataka
Also At:
Mrs. Kasturi C.V W/o Vijay Prasad Reddy, Partneer Of M/s Avhini Abode, A Partnership Firm. No.4, Akshayah, 4th Floor, 3rd Cross, 5th Main, Bob Colony, J.P Nagar, 7th Phase, JP Nagar Bangalore-560078, Karnataka

(CD 4) M/s. Eternity Structures Pvt Ltd A Pvt Ltd Company Rep By Its Directors: **1. Smt. Kasturi.C.V. 2. Sri Vijaya Prasad Reddy 3.Smt Anantha Lakshmi Kothala Chinta Vasavi, No.75/757,** 1st Floor, 10th Main, 4th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560011 Karnataka

(CD 5) Mrs. Anantha Lakshmi Kothala Chinta, Additional Director of M/s Eternity Atructures Pvt Ltd Vasavi, No.75/757, 1st Floor, 10th Mine, 4th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bagalore-560011 Karnataka
...Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore **(DRT 2) in OA/845/2021** an amount of **Rs 95,66,482.27** (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two And Paise Twenty Seven Only) along with pendentellite and future interest **@ 12.5%** Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **31.03.2021** till realization and costs of **Rs. 98,000** (Rupees Ninety Eight Thousand Only) has become due against you jointly and severally from the Certificate Debtors.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4.Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **05.11.2024**

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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TENDER NOTICE NO: 52/2025
Dt.26.12.2025.
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
e-Procurement Tender Notice

PUB/1672

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
30251301	Silent Block
61251064C	Double side Openable door closer pl.no. 61190019
LH257181	Bogie frame complete
38245015	Adapter (Narrow Jaw) class 'E'6'X11;
30251263	FRP louvre shutter
56255367	SMPS based mini IPS system
LN255276B	Head stock CPL For LHB Under Frame
LN259001D	ICF SS DUST BIN
6025PT036	Thick web switch expansion joints (TWSE) WITH ALL Fittings As Per RDSO Drg.no. T-8822
38255018	AAR Approved cartridge tapered roller bearing class 'k'
56255370	High Availability Single Section Digital Axle Counter (HASSDAC)
56255369	Wheel sensor RSR 180 for Rail claw (MSDAC)

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.31.12.2025.SL.No. 02 on dt.08.01.2026. SL.No.03 &04 on dt.12.01.2026.SL No.05 on dt 13.01.2026. SL No. 09 to 12 on dt 12.01.2026 SL No.13 on dt 19.01.2026. SL No.06 to 08 on dt.16.01.2026. SL No.09 on dt.20.01.2026 SL No.10 on dt.21.01.2026. SL No.11 on dt.02.02.2026 SL No.12 on dt.03.02.2026

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having **Value Above Rs.50 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

A2128 Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Government of Tamil Nadu

KARUR CORPORATION

KARUR DISTRICT
E-Tendering Tender Notice

Roc No: 6052/ 2025/ E5 **Dated: 24.12.2025**

Karur Corporation invites Bids from eligible Bidders through e-procurement portal for "Providing Under Ground Sewerage Scheme to the leftout areas and added areas of Karur Corporation with operation and maintenance for the period of 5 years for collection system and construction of STP including operation and maintanance for the period of 10 years". Bidders shall submit their Bids through online e-procurement portal https://tntenders.gov.in up to **03.00 PM** (as per the time in the server clock of the tender portal) on **13/02/2026.** The Bids will be opened through online at **3.30 PM.** on the same day **(13.02.2026)**

Sl. No	Name of Work	Bid Value (Rs. In lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. In lakh)	Period of availability of bid document	Date and time of Bid opening	Period of Completion
1	Providing Under Ground Sewerage Scheme to the leftout areas and added areas of Karur Corporation with operation and maintenance for the period of 5 years - package 1		113.84	30.12.2025 to 13.02.2026 up to 3.00 PM	13.02.2026 at 3.30 PM	36 Months
	Estimated cost for Providing UGSS	11015.26				
	Estimated cost for Operation and maintenance for the period of 5 Years (Excluding electricity charges)	368.02				
2	Providing Under Ground Sewerage Scheme to the leftout areas and added areas of Karur Corporation with operation and maintenance for the period of 5 years - package 2		220.74	30.12.2025 to 13.02.2026 up to 3.00 PM	13.02.2026 at 3.30 PM	36 Months
	Estimated cost for Providing UGSS	21426.56				
	Estimated cost for Operation and maintenance for the period of 5 Years (Excluding electricity charges)	647.39				
3	Construction of 35.25 MLD capacity sewage treatment plant at Arasu colony with operation and maintenance for the period of 10 years at Karur Corporation package 3		94.89	30.12.2025 to 13.02.2026 up to 3.00 PM	13.02.2026 at 3.30 PM	18 Months
	Estimated cost for Construction of STP	7791.39				
	Estimated cost for Operation and maintenance for the period of 10 Years (Excluding electricity charges)	1698.02				

1. The Bid documents shall be made available from **30.12.2025.**
2. The Bid documents may be downloaded from the website **(https://tntenders.gov.in)** at free of cost up to **3.00 PM on 13.02.2026.**
3. Bids through e-submission shall only be accepted.
4. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **12.01.2026 at 11.00 AM** in the Office of the Karur Corporation, Main Road, Karur – 639 001.

Commissioner
Karur Corporation

DIPR/6851/TENDER/2025

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Dipanjali Dass (Borrower) Piu Dass (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006912239 LBBNG00006946410	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. A-001 Bearing Property Id No: 150300201901020357 In The Ground Floor Of A- Block Measuring About 1045 Sq. Ft. Or 97.2 Sq.mt Containing 2 Bed Rooms As Per Plan, Provided With Vitrified Flooring, Together With One Car Parking, Including Proponionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase Contained In The Multi Storied Building Known As "skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property. West : Passage And Flat No. A011 East By: Drive Way North By : B-block South By : Flat No. A002	Rs. 73,91,912/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 40,00,000/- / Rs. 4,00,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
2.	Mrs. Roshni Sharma (Borrower) Shishu Pal Sharma (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006968719 LBBNG00006972121	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. B-102 Bearing Property Id No: 150300201901020420 In The First Floor Of Bblock Measuring About 1006 Sq. Ft. Or 93 Sq.mt Containing 2 Bed Rooms As Per Plan, Provided With Vitrified Flooring, Together With One Car Parking, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase Contained In The Multi Storied Building Known As "skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property. West :passage And Flat No.b-107 East By:set Back Area & Drive Way North By :b 101 & Staircase South By :flat No.b-103	Rs. 73,11,484/- (as on December 23, 2025	Rs. 37,00,000/- / Rs. 3,70,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
3.	Mrs. Shruti Singh (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006885586 LBBNG00006906589	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment No.a-204 On Second Floor Of The Building Of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview". Having E-khatha No.150300201901021338 Apartment Measuring 1040 Sqft Super Built-up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By :setback Area & Driveway, West By : Passage & A-209 North By : A-203 South By : A-205	Rs. 66,31,452/- (as on December 23, 2025	Rs. 36,00,000/- / Rs. 3,60,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
4.	Mr. Sunil Kumar (Borrower) Anjali Samantra (Co - Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006861702 LBBNG00006926121	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. A-301 Bearing Property Id No: 150300201901020390 In The Third Floor Of A - Block Measuring About 1045 Sq. Ft. Or 97.2 Sq.mt Containing 2 Bed Rooms As Per Plan, Provided With Vitrified Flooring Together With One Car Parking, Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Staircase Contained In The Multi Storied Building Known As "skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview Constructed On The Schedule A Property. West :passage And Flat No.a311 East By:drive Way North By :b Block South By :flat No. A302	Rs. 75,43,586/- (as on December 23, 2025	Rs. 35,00,000/- / Rs. 3,50,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
5.	Mr. Vipul Gupta (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006945313 LBBNG00006994180	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment Residential Flat Bearing No.a-405 On Fourth Floor Measuring 1040 Sq. Ft. Of Super Built-up Area Having Khatha No.150300201901021326, Along With One Covered Car Parking Space Earmarked For That Purpose In The Stilt Floor Of The Multistoried Residential Building Known "Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview", Constructed In The Property Described In The Schedule 'a' Property With Right To Pass Through All The Common Passages, Leading To The Main Road And Free Of Ingress And Egress At All Times And Entitled For All The Common Areas, Amenities And Bounded On The East By :set Back And Driveway, West By :flat No. A-408 And Passge, North By :flat No.a-404, South By :flat No.a-406.	Rs. 71,20,816/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 36,00,000/- / Rs. 3,60,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
6.	Avin Anghotra (Borrower) Bimal Anghotra (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006788477 LBBNG00006790601	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment No.b-503 On Fifth Floor Of The Building Of "skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-khatha No.150300201901021354 Apartment Measuring 1006 Sqft Super Built-up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By : Setback And Driveway, West By : Passage And Flat No. B-506, North By : Flat No. B-502, South By : Staircase And Flat No. B-504.	Rs. 64,10,404/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 35,00,000/- / Rs. 3,50,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
7.	Avin Anghotra (Borrower) Bimal Anghotra (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006788487 LBBNG00006790608	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Apartment No.b-504 On Fifth Floor Of The Building Of Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview" Having E-khatha No.150300201901021355 Apartment Measuring 1010 Sqft Super Built-up Area One Covered Car Park And Bounded On: East By : Setback And Drive Way West By : Passage B-505, North By : Staircase And B-503, South By : Setback And Drive Way	Rs. 65,06,015/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 35,00,000/- / Rs. 3,50,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
8.	Mr. Rishi Gupta (Borrower) Loan Account Number TBBNG00006992937	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Flat Bearing No. A-404 On Fourth Floor Measuring 1040 Sq. Ft. Of Super Built-up Area Having Khatha No.150300201901021325, Along With One Covered Car Parking Space Earmarked For That Purpose In The Stilt Floor Of The Multistoried Residential Building Known As " Skygold Jeevankeerthi Commanders Aeroview", Constructed In The Property Described In The Schedule 'a' Property With Right To Pass Through All The Common Passages, Leading To The Main Road And Free Of Ingress And Egress At All Times And Entitled For All The Common Areas, Amenities And Bounded On The: East By : Set Back And Driveway, West By : Passage And Lift Area, North By : Flat No. A-403, South By : Flat No. A-405.	Rs. 70,78,249/- (as on December 23, 2025)	Rs. 39,00,000/- / Rs. 3,90,000/-	January 03, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website https://assets.matexauctions.com of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by January 19, 2026 before 04:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before January 19, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before January 19, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before January 19, 2026 by 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084.

Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : December 26, 2025
Place: Bengaluru

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my client **Smt. MANJULA G wife of Late Raju N**, R/at No.145/2, 1st Main 2nd Cross, B V Raman Nagar, Janatha Quarters, Hunasamaranahalli, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore-562157 is the absolute owner of the schedule property mentioned below and she has lost the **(1)** Original Sale Document Registered copy in the name Sri. Siddalingaswamy bearing document No.YAN-1-03065-2006-07, Book-1, stored in CD No. YAND193 registered on 10-05-2006, registered in the office of the Senior Sub-registrar's office Yalahanka, Bangalore and **(2)** Accordingly Hakku Patra in the name C Rajanna bearing No. 85 pertaining to the Schedule property. In this connection, have made diligent search for the same and failed in that attempt also filed Compliant in concerned Police Station via E-Lost App Vide Lost Report No. 1972693/2025 on 23-12-2025. The general public is requested to hand over the said document, if found or in possession, to the undersigned within 7 days. Any transaction relating to the schedule property based on the said document shall not bind my client and will attract civil and criminal liability.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the PROPERTY NO. 250/85, KATHA NO. 189/250/85 of Hunasamaranahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore-562157 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet in all total measuring 600 Sq. Feet. **AND BOUNDED ON:** East by: 25 Feet Road, West by: Site No. 47 North by: Hiduvalli land South by: Vacant Site. If any person found the No. YAN-1-03065-2006-07, Book-1, CD No. YAND193 Dated: 10-05-2006 and Hakku Patra - 85 SRO, Yelahanka Bangalore. Please Contact the Below Number

Sd/- **TARUN PAUNA G** Advocate
NO. 325, VIDYANAGAR CROSS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ROAD, BANGALORE-562157.
MOBILE: 9380737917 DATE: 23-12-2025

BEFORE THE HON 'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL-AT CHENNAI
I.A. No. 1259 &1260 of 2025 in A.I.R. NO. 1258 OF 2025

MELWIN RAJAN BRIGHT, S/o. Bright Rajan, No.12, White House, Venkateshwara Colony, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 075. ... **APPELLANT**

-Versus-

1. **BANK OF BARODA,** Shivaji Park Branch, No.1, Aaradhana, Ground Floor, Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim,Mumbai-400 016 .
2. **M/S. NANO SCIENCES AND OZONE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED,** No.1521, 80 feet Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, Brindavan Nagar, Teachers Colony, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043. Represented by its Directors, Mr.Santosh Narayana And Lesha Dileep.
3. **SANTHOSH NARAYANA,** S/o.Sivadasan Narayana, No. S/516, Vayal House, K.Channappa Cross, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560084.
4. **LESHA DILEEP,** D/o. Gopal, B/, Laxmi Nivas, 1st Main Road, Manikallappa Garden Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560033. ... **RESPONDENTS**

NOTICE

1. **M/S. NANO SCIENCES AND OZONE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED,** 1521, 80 feet Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, Brindavan Nagar, Teachers Colony, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560043. Represented by its Directors, **Mr. Santosh Narayana And Lesha Dileep. ... 2nd RESPONDENT**
2. **SANTHOSH NARAYANA,** S/o.Sivadasan Narayana, S/516, Vayal House, K.Channappa Cross, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560084. ... **3rd RESPONDENT**
3. **LESHA DILEEP,** D/o. Gopal, B/, Laxmi Nivas, 1st Main Road, Manikallappa Garden Maruthi Seva Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560033. ... **4th RESPONDENT**

Please take notice that my client **MELWIN RAJAN BRIGHT,** S/o. Bright Rajan, residing at No 12, White House, Venkateshwara Colony, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 075 has filed the above I.A. No. 1259 and 1260 of 2025 in AIR.No.1258 of 2025 before The Hon'ble Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal- At Chennai and the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to order notice to the Respondents No. 2,3 and 4 (i.e: **M/S. NANO SCIENCES AND OZONE TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED, SANTOSH NARAYANA and LESHA DILEEP)** returnable by 20.01.2026.

Kindly take notice and be present before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal at New Additional Building, 7th Floor, Shastri Bhavan, Chennai-600 006 at 10.30 A.M. on **20.01.2026** either in person or through Counsel failing which the above Appeal applications will be heard and decided in your absence.

T.R. SUNDARAM, Advocate
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Cell: 94441-33193
Counsel for Appellant

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that **Smt. Sheela N** W/o Sri. Krishna Murthy aged about 56 years, R/at No. 39/1, Srivatsa, Dwarakanagar, Channasandra, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 098, is the sole and absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the immovable property bearing Eastern portion of vacant Site No. 39, formed in the converted land bearing Sy. No. 2/1, vide conversion order bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR(S)288/96-97, dated 10.03.1997 issued by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore of **Dwarakanagar,** situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk, vide Pattanagere CMC Khatha No. 266, and the said schedule property now comes under the jurisdiction of the BBMP limits, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub-Division, Bangalore - 98, vide BBMP Khatha No. 264/39/267, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 20 feet, measuring in total 600 Sq ft, having RCC construction of about 111.5 square meters consisting of Ground, First & Second floors **(Hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property).** My clients, Smt. Megha U H & K.R. Nagaraja Rao R/at #990F, "Koustubha", 13th Main, 1st 'A' Cross, Kalappa Block, Srinagara, Bangalore - 560 050, are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned supra.

Any Person/s, Society/s, Association/s, Government Authorities, Company/s, Firm/s, Financial Institutions, Banks, Judicial authorities etc., asserting any sort of rights, title, claims, interest whatsoever in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property shall file their objections in writing or contact the below mentioned person within 15 days from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof. After the prescribed period of 15 days, if there are no objections from the general public, my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

Manohar B.K., Advocate,
#64, 1st Floor, Behind Canara Bank, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
Mob: 9986441326

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, My Client **Smt. N B Annapoorna**, W/o. Late. Sri. N Bhaskarnath Gupta, Residing at No. 39, 5th Main Road, Dattareyanagar, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru – 560 085, is the Owner of the Site bearing New No. 45, Old No. 39 (1/4) PID No. 161-W0235-6, Hosakerehalli Village, Assessment No. 1/4, Khatha No. 1/4, Now under BBMP, Situated at 5th Main Road, Dattareyanagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-85, measuring East to West 43 feet, North to South 30 feet in total 1290 Sq Feet, and bounded on the: East by - Property bearing No. 43, West by: Road, North by: Property bearing No. 38 and South by: Property bearing No. 40, purchased through a Registered Sale Deed dated 16/06/2014 executed by N Prema Kumari Represented by her GPA Holder N Bhaskarnatha Gupta in favour of N B Annapoorna W/o. N Bhaskarnatha Gupta, Registered Vide document **No. BSK-1-03362-2014-15, CD No. BSKD273, SRO, Banashankari,** Bangalore.

The earlier Original Sale Deed dated 12/12/1980 executed by Mariyanna represented by his Registered GPA Holder Venkataramanappa in favour of Prema Kumari, Registered Vide document No. 9313/1980-81, pages 123-126, Volume 1619, Book-1 SRO, Bangalore South Taluk, pertaining the above mentioned property is lost.

If any Financial Institutions, Co-operative Banks or any General Public, are in possession or any person if find the Original Sale Deed dated 12/12/1980, shall handover to the undersigned at the address mentioned below.

Date: 26.12.2025
Bangalore

Sd/-
K S CHANDRA SHEKAR
Advocate,
No. 21, Dhondusa Layout, Off. Bull Temple Road, Mount Joy Cross Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560019.
Mob: 9448366193

Double delight for pistol shooter Suraj

Madhya Pradesh's Suraj Sharma delivered a golden double, sweeping both the senior and junior men's titles in the 25m rapid fire pistol at the national shooting championship. Suraj topped the senior final with 31 hits, finishing three clear of reigning champion Vijayveer Sidhu of Punjab (28 hits). Rajasthan's Bhavesh Shekhawat claimed bronze.

2025 will be one to remember for teams that finally broke decade-long hoodoos. A look at a few...

Finish Line 2025

YEAR OF FIRSTS

ROYAL ECSTASY

"*Ee Sala Cup Namde*" (in Kannada: this year the cup will be ours) finally became "*Ee Sala Cup Namdu*," (this year, the cup is ours) as the Royal Challengers Bengaluru finally got their hands on an IPL trophy 17 years after its inception. For Virat Kohli — who went to his knees and broke down in tears — the elusive title has been captured in what has been a decorated career.

PROTEAS TITLE PRAYERS ANSWERED AT MECCA OF CRICKET

After waiting for years and despite boosting of some of the finest cricketers in the recent years, the South African team failed to lay their hands on an ICC trophy. They had come close but it still remained a dream. South Africa made history at Lord's in England when they rallied to defeat Australia in the World Test Championship final in June this year. At the core of it was skipper Temba Bavuma, whose position as captain since 2022 was constantly debated. Not a bad way to silence critics by securing South Africa their first ICC title.

HISTORIC NIGHT IN MUMBAI

After the heartbreak in 2017 ODI World Cup final and failure to win in 2022, the senior women's team finally broke the jinx and won the title in November this year. With the popularity of women's cricket slowly rising, this win could spark another revolution in the country. Harmanpreet Kaur and Co, despite a brief hiccup in the league stages, beat defending champions Australia in the semifinals before seeing off South Africa in the final in front of a jubilant crowd at DY Patil Stadium.

Elsewhere...

PSG EUROPEAN CHAMPS

After pouring truckloads of money into new recruits, Paris Saint Germain finally broke their European duck, blazing through Inter Milan in June's UEFA Champions League final in Munich. They were ridiculed for their continental failures, for they had the household names in Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappe at their disposal once and still failed to win the title.

SPURS DELIGHT

For Tottenham Hotspur, their 17-year-wait of winning a trophy ended, by winning the Europa League title against Manchester United. Considering the fact that Tottenham finished one place above relegation in the 24/25 English Premier League, this European glory was of increased significance.

MINNOWS MAKE IT TO BIG STAGE

Curacao — the smallest ever nation with a population of 156,000 — historically qualified to the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Their spot was confirmed after avoiding defeat to Jamaica away from home. Cape Verde — another island nation off the West African coast — also made history as they finished on top of their qualifying group which featured big teams like Cameroon. When teams representing these nations walk out to the pitch for their first game, expect a lot of fanfare, passion and emotion.

Not a very healthy sight

Amidst few highs, sports in India also saw painful lows. A look..

NO FOOTBALL LEAGUE YET

The country is still yet to witness the start of its premier football league — the 2025/26 Indian Super League — and players, coaches, staff and many depending on the league are left high and dry. The agreement between All India Football Federation (AIFF) and its commercial arm Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) in organising the league expired early December and ever since, no new organisers have been found.

INDIA'S DOPING SHAME PERSISTS

The country has yet again topped doping charts, with 260 Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF) being confirmed by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) recently. To make things more embarrassing, no other country has crossed 100 cases, exposing the large scale of India's doping issue despite several measures and strict guidelines in place.

MODEST RETURNS FOR BADMINTON

Despite good track-record in recent memory, India's premier doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty could not collect another doubles gold this year. In the singles event, it was largely a struggle for big names like PV Sindhu, HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth. Lakshya Sen salvaged his year by winning the Australian Open in November. Ayush Shetty showed promise after his US Open success in June this year.

TOUGH TIMES CONTINUE FOR TENNIS

Little to nothing has changed after a tumultuous 2024 for Indian tennis on the administrative front. After last year's elections of the sport's national governing body — The All India Tennis Association (AITA) remained unannounced, two factions within the federation reportedly announced their own team managers for the Davis cup matches. On the court, no player is yet to breach the top 100s, as India's best, are still ranked somewhere in the 250s

Captain's innings: Pant comes to the fore for Delhi

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

WHILE all the focus has been on Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's performances in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy, another player that may also garner sizeable amount of attention is Rishabh Pant. The wicketkeeper-batter's high-risk, high-reward approach has made heads turn in Test cricket, but he has not had a similar impact in white-ball cricket. That lack of influence has put him in the background for some time now. When the national squad for the upcoming men's T20 World Cup was announced, Pant was clearly not part of the equation and it was far from a surprise to see his name missing. Such has been his predicament in the shorter formats in recent times.

The last time he featured in an ODI match was August last year. He was part of the Champions Trophy that India won at the start of the year but he didn't feature in a single game. Likewise, it was the same story during the recent ODI series against South Africa. His below-par shows in recent outings in the Test format has also not helped his case. And his last T20I match came in the same year in July. He's clearly down the pecking order in the short formats of the game. For that reason, his 79-ball 70 for Delhi on Friday in the ongoing domestic competition is a welcome balm for the 28-year-old. Thanks to his contribution, Delhi registered a seven-run over Gujarat in their Group D meeting at the BCCI Centre of Excellence on the outskirts of Bengaluru. Just a couple of days back, he had been dismissed for 5 against Andhra in the first outing. While Pant might have a lot of catching up to do, this knock could give him the confidence going forward.

Before Pant walked onto the pitch, it was Virat Kohli who orchestrated Delhi's quick start. He rallied to a 29-ball half-century — his 84th in List A format. He scored 77 of Delhi's 108 runs before getting stumped by Urvil Patel off a beautiful delivery from left-arm spinner Vishal Jayswal.

Walking in at 98/3 in the 20th over, Pant took a conservative approach. According to partnership statistics, he was at 5 off 10 balls (4th wicket with Kohli), 26 off 26 balls (5th wicket with Badoni), before taking 62 balls to reach 50. He was stuck to his crease, and avoided any extravagant shots. But that eventually changed, post his fifty. It began when Ravi Bishnoi — who was brought back to the attack — saw his deliveries slammed to long on. From thereon, it seemed like Pant was in his natural habitat — shots-off-the-crease, sweep shots deep towards backwards square leg as he rushed to 20 in his next 16 balls after reaching his fifty. But the pick of the lot would be the shots deep from the crease, where he swivelled his bat to a ball moving outside off and the result being the ball on the covers' boundary. With more innings like this, he could give selectors something to think about ahead of future series.

Rishabh Pant (L) in action against Gujarat on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SELECT BRIEF SCORES

Group A: Tamil Nadu 280 in 49.3 ovs (Mohamed Ali 57, Narayan Jagadeesan 55, Sai Sudharsan 51; Kumar Kartikeya 3/62) lost to Madhya Pradesh 283/8 in 49.2 ovs (Yash Dubey 92, Himanshu Mantri 90; Govinth Ganesh 4/54) by 2 wickets; Kerala 284/7 in 50 overs (Mohammed Azharuddeen 84, Baba Aparajith 71; Abhilash Shetty 3/59) lost to Karnataka 285/2 in 48.2 ovs (Karun Nair 130 not out, Devdutt Padikkal 124) by 8 wickets; Group B: Uttar Pradesh 367/4 in 50 ovs (Aryan Juyal 134, Rinku Singh 106 not out; Taranpreet Sigh 2/74) bt Chandigarh 140 all out in 29.3 ovs (Manan Vohra 32; Zeeshan Ansar 4/29) by 227 runs; Group C: Mumbai: 331/7 in 50 ovs (Hardik Tamore 93, Sarfaraz Khan 55, Musheer Khan 55; Devendra Bora 3/74) bt Uttarakhand: 280/9 in 50 ovs (Yuvraj Choudhary 96); Group D: Railways: 266/9 in 50 ovs (Ravi Singh 76, Ansh Yadav 59, Satyanarayana Raju 3/41, Narasimha Raju 3/68) lost to Andhra 271/4 in 44.4 ovs (Ricky Bhui 76, Nitish Kumar Reddy 55 not out; Karn Sharma 3/46).

Rohit goes for duck

Days after he slammed a 94-ball 155 against Sikkim, former India captain Rohit Sharma suffered a golden duck in Mumbai's win against Uttarakhand in Jaipur in a Group C tie. Put to bat first, the lanky medium fast bowler Devendra Bora (3/74) scalped the most memorable victim of his career when he dug one short and Rohit instinctively went for a pull shot. J Nagarkoti, stationed at deep fine leg, juggled before taking it on the second attempt.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

AIFF proposes 20-year plan to organise ISL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE beleaguered All India Football Federation (AIFF) had a meeting with all the stakeholders on Friday and submitted a proposal to run the Indian Super League. According to the discussions and document shared in the meeting, the AIFF has said that the league would be "Owned and Operated by the AIFF under the aegis of its new constitution." The AIFF has also proposed that all revenue share will return to the national governing body after every season. And the period of this arrangement would be for 20 seasons that would be calculated from June 1 to May 31 of next year and after every season, it is to be redistributed/re-tendered. The proposal also speaks of relegation.

"Each participating Club would pay the AIFF a 'standard participation fee' of Rs 1 Crore a year at the beginning of the season directly to the AIFF," said the proposal. "This would be independent of any calculations of the 'Central Operating Expenditure', however, this amount would be fully reimbursable from the central revenue prior to distribution of 'Net Revenue'. As for the initial budget the proposed "total outlay for the purpose of the Indian Super League would be Rs 70 crore for the first season which would be invested into the competition as a 'Central Operations Budget."Apparently, the total participation fee for all clubs would be at 20 per cent of the central operational budget of the league. "In case the board decides to raise the 'central operational budget' by 10 per cent in the future, the 'standard participation fee' would proportionately increase," said the proposal.

CFG exit Mumbai

City Football Group (CFG), the holding company which runs EPL club Manchester City, has divested its shares back to the parent company of Mumbai City FC, it confirmed on Friday.

Salah spot on as Egypt beat South Africa

AGENCIES @ Agadir (Morocco)

MOHAMED Salah scored as 10-man Egypt beat South Africa 1-0 in Agadir on Friday to become the first qualifiers for the knockout stage of the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations.

Salah converted a penalty on 45 minutes, and South Africa were denied a spot-kick late in the second half when Yasser Ibrahim appeared to handle the ball inside the box. Salah came to Morocco after not starting in five Liverpool matches — his omission leading to an outburst against manager Arne Slot. Egypt were reduced to 10 men in first-half added time when right-back Mohamed Hany was shown a second yellow card for a stamp, followed by a red.

Friday's results: Egypt **1-0** South Africa; Angola **1-1** Zimbabwe.

Deepti in record books as Ind seal series

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

INDIA all-rounder Deepti Sharma etched her name into global cricket folklore, becoming the first-ever cricketer across the men's and women's game to register 1000 runs and 150 wickets in T20 Internationals.

The historic milestone came during the third T20I against Sri Lanka in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday, underlining Deepti's status as one of the most complete white-ball cricketers the sport has seen.

With a decisive three-wicket spell, Deepti also rose to joint-highest wicket-taker in women's T20I history, drawing level with Australia's Megan Schutt on 151 wickets.

Sri Lanka's Kavisha Dilhari became her landmark 150th scalp, falling in the 14th over.

Deepti, the player of the Tournament at the 2025 ICC Women's World Cup, was recently bought for ₹3.2 crore by UP Warriorz.

Deepti Sharma (C) celebrates with her teammates on Friday | BP DEEPU

On the day, the right-arm off-spinner's figures of 3 for 18 helped the team restrict Sri Lanka to 112/7 in 20 overs. While it was a significant day for Deepti, it was also a memorable outing for pacer Renuka Singh, who was the top wicket-taker for the home side. Barring Chamari Athapaththu, who was Deepti's first wicket, Renuka dismissed all the other top-order batters, returning with figures of 4/21 in four overs.

The visiting batters, after a slow start, could never find their footing and ended up with a sub-par total of 112/7. In their chase, opener Shafali Verma sparkled with an unbeaten fifty (79 runs off 42 balls).

She single-handedly dismantled the opposition bowlers, guiding India home with 40 balls to spare. After facing three dot balls, Shafali danced down the track to clobber a towering 83-metre six over long-off. She continued punishing the Sri Lankan bowlers, smashing 11 boundaries and three sixes. With this victory, India have an unassailable 3-0 lead over Sri Lanka in the five-match T20I series. **Brief scores:** SL 112/7 in 20 ovs (Dulani 27, Perera 25; Renuka 4/21, Deepti 3/18) **lost to** India 115/2 in 13.2 ovs (S Verma 79 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

Muddappa back for drag nationals finale

CHENNAI: After a measured first half of the season, ace Bengaluru biker Hemanth Muddappa will be returning this weekend with the title in mind as the final two rounds of the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship 2025 gets underway here on Saturday. The 15-time National champion will chase yet another milestone, taking part in four categories.

Court restores Jaiveer's post as EFI secy general

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday has restored the position of Colonel (retired) Jaiveer Singh as the secretary general of Equestrian Federation of India (EFI), holding his suspension by the federation's Executive Committee illegal and restored his authority Principal District and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna on December 22 restrained EFI from extending Singh's suspension.

Sr nat'ls: Surya, Shruti enter semifinals

VIJAYAWADA: Producing major upsets, local favourite Surya Charishma Tamiri and seasoned campaigner Shruti Mundada ousted the top two seeds — Unnati Hooda and Anupama Upadhyaya — to advance to the women's singles semifinals of the senior national badminton meet on Friday. Surya sealed a 21-12, 21-15 quarterfinal win against Unnati. Shruti beat Anupama 22-20, 21-12.

THE ASHES

Aus lead Eng by 46 runs after crazy day at MCG

AGENCIES @ Melbourne

AN astounding 20 wickets fell on a frantic day one of the fourth Ashes Test on Friday with Australia all out for 152 before storming back to dismiss England for 110 and leave the clash on a knife-edge. England skipper Ben Stokes won a key toss on a green track and his quicks feasted after sending in the hosts under overcast skies in front of 94,199 fans at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

It was the biggest cricket crowd ever at the cavernous arena, exceeding the 93,013 who watched the 2015 World Cup final, and they witnessed the home side collapse with Josh Tongue grabbing 5-45. But England fared even worse, slumping to 16-4 and never recovering, leaving Australia to face one over before stumps, which nightwatchman Scott Boland safely negotiated with Travis Head at the other end.

Micheal Neser celebrates a wicket on the opening day on Friday | AFP

Australia were 4-0 at the close with Boland on four, 46 ahead, with Head yet to face a ball.

"I feel like anyone could have taken a 'five-fer' today," said Tongue, who became the first Englishman to take five wickets in an innings in a Test at the MCG since Dean Headley and Darren Gough in 1998.

"When I'm at my best I'm bowling at that fuller length. Stokes has spoken to us quite a bit about it, going a touch fuller but hitting the pitch hard.

"If we get the ball in the same areas tomorrow we can get them three of four wickets down in the first hour."

Australia bowler Michael Neser, who took 4-45, was not making any predictions for the second innings after a day when the ball dominated the bat.

"We saw how tough it was when we batted. The ball was nipping around and we needed to bowl in the right areas," Neser said.

Anil Jauhri, Former CEO, National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies

Dr. Y Raghuramulu, former Director of Central Coffee Research Institute

Keerthi D Souza is a Sustainability Expert

REWRITTEN INDIA'S COFFEE STORY – FROM SHADE TO STANDARDS

As the Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) marks its centenary, India introduces new certification standards INDICOFS that will shape the global sustainability landscape for Indian coffee

IN celebration of its 100th anniversary, the Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) has launched the Indian Coffee Sustainability Standards (INDICOFS) through the Coffee Board of India. This initiative is more than just a certification scheme; it represents a significant shift in how agricultural sustainability is defined, measured, and valued in international trade.

For the first time, a major coffee producer from the Global South has created comprehensive sustainability standards that are rooted in its own ecological and social contexts while also incorporating insights from various global frameworks. The new standards present a fresh opportunity for Indian coffee on the world stage — a new identity for everyone's daily cup.

Indian coffee is predominantly produced by smallholder farmers, with over 95 per cent of coffee holdings belonging to small and marginal growers. This coffee-centric farming system plays a vital socio-economic role by providing consistent employment for rural communities and significantly reducing migration from rural to urban areas. As an export-oriented crop, most of India's coffee is sent to international markets, with Europe being a key destination.

Unlike conventional plantations, Indian coffee is cultivated under dense shade in regions such as the Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, and the north-eastern part of India, which is home to unique biodiversity hotspots. Our coffee farms resemble managed forests; birds nest among the shade trees, elephants traverse traditional corridors and multiple crops grow in harmony. This is more than agriculture; it is agroforestry refined over generations.

The INDICOFS framework is primarily designed to capture the ecological value of Indian coffee systems. Farmers who have practiced sustainability for generations will find that INDICOFS reflects their established practices. INDICOFS enriches the sustainability conversation by ensuring compliance with regulations like the EU Deforestation Regulation and by recognizing essential ecosystem services. The carbon sequestered by shade trees, protected watersheds, and the biodiversity present in these landscapes are all acknowledged within INDICOFS.

The three-tier structure of INDICOFS promotes continuous improvement, with each level building toward world-class sustainability performance.

● **DEMOCRATIZING SUSTAINABILITY:** One of INDICOFS's most significant innovations is making sustainability certification accessible to small and marginal farmers. The current global certification landscape can be challenging for smallholders due to high costs and requirements that do not always reflect the realities of small-scale farming. By enabling Coffee Board assessments for small farmers at Level 1, INDICOFS expands access to sustainability premiums. This recognizes that sustainable agriculture often occurs at small scales, managed by farmers with extensive ecological knowledge but limited financial resources.

● **INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION:** The development of INDICOFS showcases the enhanced institutional capacity of Indian coffee research. As CCRI enters its second century, the Core Technical Committee brings together diverse expertise—scientists, sustainability professionals, and certification experts—and incorporates feedback from farmers, exporters, and trade associations through consultation. The resulting framework balances rigor with practicality, ambition with achievability.

● **TECHNOLOGY AS AN ENABLER:** INDICOFS harnesses India's digital infrastructure to enable new possibilities not available when international standards were established. Satellite monitoring, blockchain traceability, and mobile connectivity facilitate cost-effective verification and direct engagement with farmers. This integration with evolving digital systems creates an ecosystem where sustainability verification becomes part of everyday business rather than an additional burden. This systematic approach could represent India's contribution to global sustainability practices.

● **MARKET REALITIES:** The ultimate success of INDICOFS hinges on market recognition. The framework is designed to complement existing certification systems while addressing the specific needs of Indian coffee cultivation. As consumers increasingly seek transparency in sustainability claims, a government-backed framework grounded in scientific principles offers additional credibility and assurance.

● **BROADER IMPLICATIONS:** The significance of INDICOFS extends beyond coffee. It demonstrates that sustainability standards can originate from producing countries, enriching the global dialogue on sustainable agriculture. The shade-grown coffee gardens of Coorg offer valuable lessons in sustainable farming for the world. INDICOFS embodies this contribution.

The launch of INDICOFS marks a pivotal moment when India began to define what sustainability means for its unique coffee systems. In the second century of organized coffee development, this shift toward sustainability could transform the future of Indian coffee.

SC STRIKES A FINE BALANCE TO SAVE the Great Indian Bustard

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AFTER six years, the Supreme Court issued its final order on the conservation of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) or (Ardeotisnigriceps) by revising the priority conservation area while promoting renewable energy in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The Supreme Court's order strikes a fine balance between green energy promotion and conservation efforts.

In 2019, environmental expert MK Ranjitsinh filed a public interest litigation (PIL) to protect the birds from the impacts of human activities in their habitats. The PIL requested interim directions to the governments of Rajasthan and Gujarat to ensure predator-proof fencing, controlled grazing and to halt any further permits for installing overhead power lines, wind turbines and solar infrastructure in GIB's potential habitats identified by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

The PIL also sought installation of bird diverters on power lines and proposed to shift power transmission cables underground.

This case is unique as it involves a conflict between the goals of addressing climate change through generation of green energy via solar fields and the need to preserve the GIB. The solar and wind mill installation have encroached upon the habitat of critically endangered species like the GIB and Lesser Florican (LF) in the Desert National Park of Rajasthan. Earlier, the court had pronounced two interim orders on it. Both the GIB and LF have been listed as Critically Endangered in the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 2011. The latest count says there are only 144 GIBs in India - 140 in Rajasthan and 4 in Kutch (Gujarat). In a 2018 survey, the estimated population was 150, including 25 birds in government captivity.

In its final order, the Supreme Court directed renewable energy companies to relocate some overhead power lines underground within two years in areas prioritised for the conservation of the GIB and LF in the Desert National Park of Rajasthan. The court established a revised conservation area of 14,753 sq km for the GIB and strictly instructed power companies not to violate this zone under any circumstances.

Gujarat
Rajasthan
144 GIBs
IN INDIA - 140 (RAJASTHAN) AND 4 (GUJARAT)
What SC ruling ensures
Revised priority area (RPA) of 14,753 sq km
857 sq km smaller than the previous priority area
RPA for Rajasthan is 14,013 sq km
RPA for Gujarat 740 sq km
Prohibits any future renewable energy projects within RPA of Rajasthan
Calls for ex-situ conservation management

First interim order on GIB

The first interim order on April 19, 2021, restricted the establishment of overhead transmission lines over a vast area of approximately 99,000 sq km. The order also mandated the formation of a three-member committee to assess the feasibility of laying high-voltage underground power lines. Additionally, it directed measures to install bird diverters and underground power lines to ensure uninterrupted flight for the GIB and LF.

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Ministry of Power, and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) requested the court in November to reconsider these directives, arguing they would adversely impact India's power sector and its energy transition goals away from fossil fuels. India committed to the Paris Agreement in 2015 to transition to non-fossil fuels and reduce emissions to mitigate climate change.

Moreover, the government also contended in court that the designated area was larger than the actual habitat of the GIB and constituted a significant portion of the country's solar and wind energy potential. It also argued that undergrounding high-voltage power lines was not technically or financially feasible.

Modification of the interim order

On March 21, 2024, the court modified its prior blanket ban on the installation of renewable energy power lines and formed an expert committee to assess the situation and find a balance between the conservation of endangered species and the necessity of combating climate change. The court stated that the decline in GIB and LF populations had various causes, including low fecundity, habitat fragmentation, loss of habitat, predation and loss of prey. It emphasised that converting overhead lines to underground transmission lines might not significantly contribute to species conservation.

Dwindling GIB populations

The GIB, locally known as Godawan, is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world and a flagship species for the arid and semi-arid grasslands of the Indian subcontinent. This majestic bird symbolises the health of fragile grassland ecosystems. Historically found across much of North and West India, the GIB's critically endangered population is now confined to a small region of Rajasthan.

The Rajasthan government initiated 'Project Godawan' on June 5, 2013. Previously, GIBs were heavily hunted for their meat and as trophies by local sportsmen. The birds nest on the ground and primarily feed on pests, termites, rats and snakes, helping maintain ecological balance in the desert. However, the expansion of the Indira Gandhi irrigation canal led to increased agricultural activities in the arid regions of Jaisalmer and Barmer which damaged their habitats. Additionally, use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides in agriculture disrupted the GIB's food chain and hindered its population growth. The introduction of renewable energy grids aimed at combating global warming further reduced the GIB's available habitats.

High-voltage power lines posed a significant risk to GIBs. As one of the largest birds in the world, they have inadequate frontal vision, making it difficult for them to detect power lines during flight. This often results in collisions with the lines, leading to electrocution. "The main threats to these birds are habitat loss due to agricultural activities and collisions with transmission lines of solar and wind power grids," an expert stated.

SC's final order on GIB

In the recent ruling, the apex court established a revised priority area (RPA) of 14,753 sq km, which is 857 sq km smaller than the previous priority area. The RPA for Rajasthan is set at 14,013 sq km, while Gujarat's RPA is 740 sq km. The court strictly prohibits any future renewable energy projects within the RPA of Rajasthan.

Additionally, the court ordered the immediate underground installation of 80 km of 33 KV power lines and emphasized the need for further mitigation efforts in Rajasthan. It also instructed that existing 66 KV and above power lines within the revised priority area of Rajasthan should be rerouted in a timely manner.

Furthermore, the court stated that there is no need for existing or future power lines of 11 KV or below within a 100-meter buffer zone around GIB nesting areas. The Wildlife Institute of India identified 250 km of critical power lines in Rajasthan and the court directed that the competent authority ensure their implementation within a maximum of two years. In addition to these measures, the court called for in-situ and ex-situ conservation management of GIBs and recommended long-term studies on the effects of climate change on the species. Installations of bird flight diverters should be based on scientific analysis.

Cleantech must lead India's national manufacturing mission

IN her Budget 2025 speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the launch of the National Manufacturing Mission, a timely move to accelerate India's industrial resurgence and advance the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. As the government now moves to implement this ambitious agenda, it must recognise that cleantech manufacturing is not just one of many sectors; it is the one that can lead the way. This momentum has only grown after COP30 in Belém and the Johannesburg G20 Summit, both of which underscored that global industrial competitiveness will now hinge on clean energy supply chains, resilient manufacturing ecosystems and diversified critical mineral partnerships.

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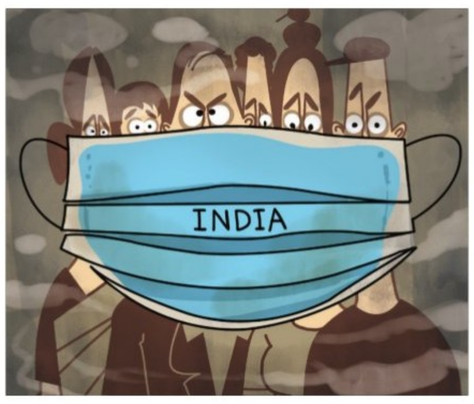
India's climate commitments are bold and foundational to its future economic model. The country aims to reach 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity and 30 per cent electric vehicle sales by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. But this transition isn't just about meeting environmental goals — it's about building a competitive, job-creating, and resilient economy. The opportunity is massive: Dalberg analysis estimates that manufacturing of critical cleantech components in India could reach a market size of 6 lakh crore to 8 lakh crore per year by 2030. At the same time, our reliance on imports for critical technologies, including solar modules, batteries, and green hydrogen components, is close to 80 per cent, leaving the country highly vulnerable. With targeted scaling of cleantech manufacturing, India could save an estimated 5-6 lakh crore in import bill by the end of this decade, with most of the savings accruing from imports from one country. Both COP30 and the G20 have reinforced the risks of over-concentration in supply chains and the need for countries to rapidly build domestic and regional resilience.

The case for cleantech to be the front-runner in the National Manufacturing Mission rests on three clear advantages. First, it is a growth engine. Countries around the world are reconfiguring their industrial policies to focus on clean energy as the driver of competitiveness, as seen in the EU's Green Deal. COP30's Declaration on Green Industrialisation and the G20's call for scaling green value addition across the Global South have made this pivot unmistakable. India has the scale and timing advantage to become a serious player in this new global supply chain.

Second, cleantech is a jobs engine. Our analysis projects the creation of about 1 million direct cleantech manufacturing jobs by 2030 and, in line with existing estimates, up to 50 million net new jobs across India's green economy by 2070, many of them in clean energy supply chains. These are high-quality jobs in sectors with global demand. Third, cleantech builds supply chain resilience. As international partners, particularly in Europe, Japan, Korea, and the Nordic countries, seek to reduce their dependence on Chinese imports, India is well-positioned to become a preferred alternative, with its large domestic market, improved infrastructure, and a credible policy ecosystem.



To realize this opportunity, India must move quickly on five strategic fronts. First, the sector requires massive capital infusion. An estimated total of 2 lakh crore in public investment by 2030 will be needed to unlock private capital across solar, wind, batteries, EVs, hydrogen and transmission. The establishment of a Green Manufacturing Finance Institution, an NBFC like the one recently established for the shipping industry, or a cleantech-focused revamp of the National Infrastructure Development Bank (NaBFID) is crucial to lowering the cost of capital and de-risking early investments. This approach also aligns squarely with the COP30 finance agenda, including the mobilisation of at least USD 1.3 trillion annually by 2035 and the launch of country platforms to channel investment toward national priorities.

Second, India must scale up its cleantech R&D ecosystem. Our current R&D spending is just 0.6 pc of GDP. The GoI should aim to raise this to 1 pc by 2030 by offering incentives for industry-academia collaboration, matching grants for deep tech and global partnerships for technology transfer. Innovation in components such as solar wafers, battery chemistries, and electrolysers can give India a proprietary edge in international markets. Some funds from the Research and Development Initiatives, with a budgetary allocation of 1 lakh crore, can be targeted towards cleantech R&D and innovation.

Third, India must secure the raw materials and machinery that power cleantech supply chains. This includes upstream investments in refining lithium, nickel, cobalt, and rare earths, areas where China currently dominates. The recent G20 summit has explicitly elevated critical minerals, Indigenous processing, and Global South partnerships as core priorities, reaffirming the strategic importance of India's "India Plus Many" approach. India must accelerate its 'India Plus Many' strategy: locking in bilateral deals with countries like Australia, Brazil, and South Africa, while investing in domestic reserves, recycling infrastructure, and machinery manufacturing.

To operationalize this strategy, India needs a three-part upstream approach. First, scale up domestic refining capacity for battery minerals, with targeted fiscal incentives under the National Critical Minerals Mission. Second, strategic overseas acquisitions must be expanded through public-private vehicles like KABIL to secure long-term access to lithium, cobalt, and rare earth sources abroad. Third, the government should invest in a national circularity infrastructure, building over 150 battery waste collection centers and material recovery hubs across states by 2030, to reclaim critical inputs like lithium, nickel, and rare earths. This combination of refining, sourcing and recycling is essential to de-risk India's cleantech transition from future geopolitical shocks and global price volatility.

Fourth, the country must address the green workforce gap. The cleantech transformation demands not just labor, but highly trained talent — across R&D, engineering, and manufacturing operations. This will require curriculum overhauls at ITIs and engineering colleges, global faculty exchanges and targeted skilling programs. By 2030, India will need over one million trained professionals in cleantech manufacturing alone. Some funds from the current allocations of 60,000 crores to PMKVY and ITI upgradation schemes can be earmarked to build a skilled workforce for cleantech manufacturing.

Fifth, policy must create and protect domestic demand. Tools like Domestic Content Requirements, the ALMM framework for solar and wind, and indigenous procurement mandates must be strengthened. These measures give domestic manufacturers the scale and predictability they need to invest in capacity and innovation. COP30's launch of the Global Sustainable Public Procurement Declaration highlights how governments worldwide are using procurement as a lever to accelerate green manufacturing, a signal India should incorporate into the Mission.

The National Manufacturing Mission is a powerful commitment. But its success will depend on where we place our bets. Cleantech is not just aligned with India's climate goals; it is central to its industrial renewal, job creation, and global positioning.

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Sovereign Indonesia

On this day in 1949, the Dutch formally handed over Indonesia's sovereignty and the Netherlands gave up its claim over the region

SIGNIFICANCE

This act, as part of the Hague Agreement, formally ended four years of armed conflict and diplomatic struggle (1945-1949) between Indonesia and the Dutch

UNITARY STATE

The federal structure of Indonesia was short-lived. By 1950, all constituent states had dissolved and Indonesia became a unitary state

AGREEMENT REVOKED

The conflict began once again. On April 21, 1956, six years later, the Indonesian parliament revoked the Hague Agreement

What's happening in ooru?

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WITH BENGALURU DEFINING ITS CULINARY VOICE WITH INNOVATION, GLOBAL AWARENESS AND LOCAL CHARACTER, HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT UNFOLDED IN THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SPACE THIS YEAR

2025 IN A NUTSHELL

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

BENGALURU entered 2025 with quiet confidence and a renewed sense of self-belief. Once identified largely with craft beer and casual dining, the city has matured into one of India's compelling culinary destinations. Innovation, global awareness and local character now coexist with ease, marking a year of consolidation rather than catch up.

One of the most significant developments was the rise of a young and assured generation of restaurateurs. Ingredient-driven menus, open fire cooking, local sourcing and playful presentation were matched with pared back spaces that prioritised energy over excess. New ventures such as Riko, ParTTwo, Baan Phad Thai, Crackle, Fireside, Fervor, Circa 11 and Comal brought fresh perspectives and clear identities. These restaurants struck a chord with younger diners who value authenticity, creativity and relevance over formality.

Across the city, chefs moved towards tighter and more cuisine-focused menus. Restaurants such as Rosmarino by Abhijit Saha and Pinocchio by Giuseppe delivered comfort with clarity and finesse. Reservation-only favourites, including Sando Club, Guerilla Diner and NARU, remained among the hardest tables to secure, reflecting a growing preference for intimate, focused dining experiences over large format restaurants. Bengaluru's chef-driven establishments also continued to gain recognition beyond India. Farmlore stood out for its soil to plate philosophy, progressive tasting menus and deep engagement with local landscapes. Vegetarian dining, supported by inventive mocktail programmes, gained strong momentum. Restaurants such as Kalpaney, GAIA, Phurr, MOAI and Tuk Tuk Thai built loyal and repeat audiences.

Hotels responded decisively to the city's evolving food culture. Recognising that diners increasingly seek narrative and creativity, luxury properties refreshed legacy concepts and introduced new ones. The Ritz Carlton with Yan Yan and Zarqash, ITC Gardenia with Cajsa and Edo, Conrad with Indian Durbar's celebration of Punjabi heritage, The Park with Italia, The Oberoi with its Decked Out at Lapis series and JW Marriott with The Patio led this shift. Visiting chef collaborations, international pop ups, themed bar takeovers and curated pairing dinners repositioned restaurants as lively social spaces rather than formal dining rooms.

The transition from pub-centric drinking to a more nuanced cocktail culture became firmly entrenched in 2025. Intimate bars, chef-influenced beverage programmes and compact speakeasy-style venues reshaped how the city drank. Cocktail menus became concise and narrative-led, with emphasis on technique, clarified cocktails, fermentation and seasonality. Bars such as Sama, Dali & Gala, Muro, Copitas, Siren, Una Hacienda, Aqua, One Floor Down, Mirth, Doubble and Middle Room exemplified this evolution. International recognition for SOKA, ZLB23 and Bar Spirit Forward further cemented Bengaluru's reputation as a bar destination to watch.

At the same time, neighbourhood favourites such as Bob's Bar, Quarter House, Yaakay Bar and Canteen and Tommy's enjoyed renewed attention, proving that affordability and personality remain essential. Old school institutions, including Dolphins, Pecos, 13th Floor and Chin Lung, reaffirmed the enduring appeal of nostalgia.

The year also saw a touch of glamour added to the city's dining landscape with the arrival of Kai Bar & Kitchen, Cahoots, Cavore and Yazu Pan Asian Supper Club, bringing polish, energy and theatrical flair.

Comfort food continued to anchor Bengaluru's dining habits. Pizzas drew devoted followings at Serious Slice, 23rd Street Pizza, La Gioia, and Pizza 4P's. Pretzels gained popularity at Bäcker & Charlie and German BrezelHaus. Burgers from Beyondburg, Smash Guys, Krok, Leons and Truffles remained crowd pullers. Desserts from June Bakehouse, Deliciae, MAKI, Belagio, Amintiri, Lavonne, Nenapu, Conçu, Magnolia, Klava, Smoor and Anand satisfied the city's sweet tooth, while queues stayed steady for ice creams at LICK, Milano, Corner House, Ulo and Amadora.

Data from a leading food delivery platform revealed shifts in consumption. Late-night orders grew three times faster than dinner orders, with pizzas, burgers, biryanis and cakes dominating demand. Health-focused meals more than doubled, driven by protein-forward choices, calorie awareness and reduced sugar. Indian diners also displayed growing curiosity, with Korean, Vietnamese and Mexican cuisines steadily moving into the mainstream.

If one colour defined Bengaluru's food and beverage mood in 2025, it was green. Matcha emerged as a defining flavour across cafes and dessert counters, while coffee continued its steady ascent.

Specialty roasters spotlighted Indian beans, experimental processing and origin-led storytelling, establishing coffee as a lifestyle marker at The Kind, Trippy Goat, Paper & Pie, Kana by Coffee Mechanics, Araku and Subko.

As the city looks ahead to 2026, Bengaluru enters the new year with clarity, confidence and a strong sense of its own culinary voice, shaped by originality, depth and an increasingly discerning dining public.

On Cloud White!

MAHIMA NAGARAJU, ANJALI RAM

Textures, structure and bold colours – Bengaluru's fashionistas plan to bring out the best in Pantone's understated colour of the year for 2026 – Cloud Dancer

CONJURING images of clouds floating across blue skies, transforming into wispy shapes – Pantone's Colour of the Year 2026, 'Cloud Dancer' – is a huge change from the grounding Mocha Mousse of 2025 and bold Viva Magenta of 2023. While many online commentators expressed surprise and disappointment at the choice, ooru's fashion experts are optimistic about the possibilities it offers to play with colours, patterns and garment structures. For fashion designer Michelle Salins, the colour is a fitting choice in a chaotic world, as she says, "When everything is so fast, people want calmness and Cloud Dancer has that serene quality which, I feel, will be impactful."

While the warm shade of white, reminiscent of ivory or pearl, may not be a statement colour, it can be used as a canvas for bolder and brighter colours. "Cloud Dancer complements the brights instead of contradicting them, working beautifully with current trends like tonal dressing, soft tailoring and fluid silhouettes," comments image consultant Sonia Pardesi, suggesting to 'pair it with metallic accessories, earthy browns, muted pastels or even bold pops like cobalt or vermilion.'

Apart from bold colours, one can feel free to play with bold prints and embellishments with a white top to balance the look, according to designer Mayank Modi, who suggests, "We could do digital prints, mix and match patch work and embroidery work – it's an elegant classic colour that nobody could go wrong with it." Recommending an easy way to try it out, he says, "If you go with an ivory colour top and printed bottom, it would be such a simple yet quirky outfit."

Salins points out that garment construction gains new importance in an outfit made with a neutral colour like this, saying, "Sculptural silhouettes would work well with Cloud Dancer. Corsetry in white is brilliant and tulle and lace are great to add some volume and texture, like in Western bridal wear."

Texture and Tradition

To add dimension, complexity and richness to Cloud Dancer, several designers suggest looking close to home, among our traditional embroidery and handicrafts. "In Indian wear, white and off-white tones were integral to Mughal-era silhouettes such as angrakhas and anarkalis, where the richness came from fabric, craftsmanship and layering rather than the base colour. Translating those silhouettes into Cloud Dancer works well when paired with gold, antique gold or subtle maroon embroidery, allowing colour to come in as an accent. We can add our lehengas to that as well," says celebrity stylist Rukmini Nitin.

To add dimension to the outfit, experts suggest playing around with textured fabrics, as Pardesi says, "Texture is key – think linen, raw silk, crochet, organza or structured cotton – to prevent outfits from feeling flat or clinical." Salins agrees, suggesting pieces that have 'an overlay of texture and colour – you can have feathers, smocking, beading and a lot more.'

Apart from clothing, accessories are a great way to incorporate the colour into your wardrobe, according to Nitin who says, "The colour can easily extend into elements like footwear, juttis, bags and jewellery detailing and when paired with complementary colours, it can add depth without overpowering the look."

Is White for Everyone?

In a country that has long been fairness-obsessed, a common comment that medium to dark skin toned people hear is to avoid white. Experts rubbish this claim, saying that white, particularly a warmer shade like Cloud Dancer, can suit dark skin beautifully. "The key lies in contrast and framing – adding warmth through gold jewellery, bold lip colours, rich footwear or coloured borders. Cloud Dancer paired with jewel tones, warm neutrals or traditional elements like kamarbandhs or statement earrings can look elegant, powerful and contemporary," says Pardesi.

Nitin, who has dusky skin herself, says, "Growing up, I was told to stay away from white and for a long time, I avoided it. Later, I realised it's all about finding the right shade." She adds, "I approach styling Cloud Dancer very intuitively. For Indo-western looks, I would use it as a base colour in draped gowns or fluid silhouettes and introduce embroidery in gold or complementary shades that suit the wearer's skin tone. For Western styling, it can be as effortless as pairing a Cloud Dancer shirt with denim, which looks good across skin tones."

From Top: Rukmini Vasanth, Rashmika Mandanna, Vijay Deverakonda, Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Simone Ashley in shades of 'Cloud Dancer'

Hot Spot

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

KABINI BACKWATERS

PHOTO CREDIT: KUSHALA P

DISTANCE FROM B'LURU : Approx. 210km

GETTING THERE: Accessible by private vehicle, jeep or boat safari

TIMINGS: 6am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm

ENTRY FEE: Nil for private vehicle, chargeable for safari

BEST TIME TO VISIT: Till Feb

HIGHLIGHT: The calm stretch of water bordered by grasslands and forest is perfect for quiet views and slow moments.

CITY READ

B'luru company bags award at global summit

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) recently hosted the Global Summit on Industry–Academia Partnership at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The event also featured the CII Industry-Academia Partnership Awards 2025, where SESIPL (Shankar Electricals Services (I) Pvt Ltd) received the Diamond Award in the MSME Services category. The award was accepted by CMD Rajesh Shetty, marking a key milestone for the company. Titled Catalysing India's Rise as an R&D Powerhouse, the one-day summit brought together industry leaders, academic heads, policymakers and researchers.

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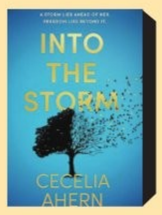
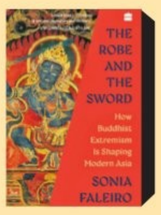


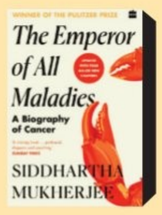
Into The Storm
by Cecelia Ahern

A single night changes everything for GP Enya: saving a boy's life forces her to reconsider her own. Leaving behind a marriage devoid of love, she seeks refuge in a remote town, where the memory of that storm refuses to fade. Among its old trees and older stories, she searches for the courage to reclaim herself.



The Robe and The Sword: How Buddhist Extremism Is Shaping Modern Asia
by Sonia Faleiro

A searing and indispensable work of narrative nonfiction, urgently needed to understand how sacred traditions are being weaponised.



The Emperor of All Maladies
by Siddhartha Mukherjee

From innovative early surgeries, Sidney Farber's hugely risky discovery of chemotherapy to the author's treatment of his own patients, this is a profound and revelatory portrait of an enigmatic disease humans have lived with, and perished from.

Absolute Jafar
by Sarnath Banerjee

Set in a world where bureaucracies and borders shape human relationships, this book is a meditation on belonging and becoming.

FRAME OF MIND

Artist Pragya Jain (left) interacts with a visitor during her solo exhibition titled Tranquil Balance on display at Sublime Galleria, UB City, Vittal Mallya Road | VINOD KUMAR T

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

REVOLVER RITA (Tamil)

A woman chases down the culprits after her handbag is stolen. Things take a turn when the thieves find weapons in their loot, causing them to question the identity of their victim.

Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Radhika, Redin Kingsley

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

NOBODY 2 (English)

Workaholic assassin Hutch Mansell takes his family on a vacation to Plummerville. He soon finds himself in the crosshairs of a corrupt theme-park operator, a shady sheriff, and a bloodthirsty crime boss.

Cast: Bob Odenkirk, Sharon Stone, Colin Hanks

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

GOODBYE JUNE (English)

A man and his four adult children navigate messy family dynamics when his wife's health takes a turn for the worse during Christmas time.

Cast: Helen Mirren, Kate Winslet, Timothy Spall

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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STRENGTH AND CARDIO BOTH MATTER AS WE AGE

When people think about aging well, cardiovascular fitness takes center stage. It's not uncommon to see older adults with excellent heart health struggle with movements like standing up from a chair, climbing stairs, or regaining balance after a stumble. This decline isn't due to poor endurance but gradual muscle loss, known as sarcopenia, which aerobic exercise alone cannot prevent.
On the other hand, those who consistently engage in strength training often retain better posture, balance, and mobility well into later years. They are less prone to falls and fractures, but may find themselves breathless during brisk walks or longer activities. These contrasting outcomes highlight a simple truth: strength and cardio serve different yet complementary purposes.

TWO SYSTEMS, ONE SHARED GOAL

- **Strength supports independence:** Muscle mass protects joints, maintains bone density, and enables everyday movement. Strong legs and grip strength are closely linked to lower fall risk and better long-term mobility.
- **Cardio protects endurance and heart health:** Aerobic exercise strengthens the heart and lungs, improve circulation, and helps sustain energy during prolonged activity.
- **Longevity depends on balance:** Neither strength nor cardio works in isolation. Together, they influence metabolic health, resilience, and quality of life.
- **Brain and mood benefits overlap:** Cardio boosts blood flow to the brain, while strength training supports confidence, focus, and stress resilience, contributing to cognitive health with age.

WHAT A BALANCED ROUTINE CAN LOOK LIKE

- **Include strength training two to three times a week:** Bodyweight exercises, resistance bands or weights help preserve muscle and bone health.
- **Accumulate 150 minutes of moderate cardio weekly:** Walking, cycling, or swimming supports cardiovascular fitness and stamina.
- **Prioritise recovery:** Adequate sleep, mobility work, and proper nutrition allow the body to adapt and rebuild.

Healthy ageing isn't about choosing between lifting weights or walking, it's about understanding how both work together. Strength keeps you steady; cardio keeps you going. When combined thoughtfully and practiced consistently, they support not just a longer life, but one marked by mobility, confidence, and independence.

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

OATS KULFI

INGREDIENTS

- **Mixed nuts (soaked cashews, nuts, and pistachios):** 1 cup
- **Rolled oats:** ¼ cup
- **Soft dates (pitted):** 1 cup
- **Cardamom powder:** 1 tsp
- **A pinch of salt**

METHOD

- Blend oats into a fine powder and set aside. Blend nuts and dates into a smooth paste.
- Mix oats powder and the paste and blend again, adding cardamom powder and salt.
- Set in a kulfi mould and let it freeze overnight.Enjoy chilled deliciousness!

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Music in Motion

Discover Indian music through interactive exhibits, sound installations and hands-on displays that trace its history and evolution. The experience offers an easy, immersive way to engage with rhythm, instruments and stories across genres.

WHEN: December 28, 11am onwards
WHERE: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Art Break

Spend a quiet afternoon reflecting on the year through drawing and mark-making. This drop-in session invites participants to create a personal self-portrait inspired by moments, memories, and people that stayed with them, using simple materials and guided prompts.

WHEN: December 28, 11.30am onwards
WHERE: Museum of Art & Photography, Kasturba Road
DETAILS: map-india.org

Play Time

This full-length Kannada domestic comedy *Baybadki* finds humour in the everyday chaos of family life. Presented by Antaranga Bahiranga theatre group, it explores misunderstandings, arguments and small conflicts within a seemingly settled household, using laughter.

WHEN: December 27, 6.30pm
WHERE: Kalagrama Campus, Mallathahalli
CALL: 86605 47776

Cinephiles Assemble

Spend a winter evening watching *Home Alone* on a big screen under the open sky. This outdoor screening pairs a holiday favourite with a relaxed setting, silent DJ headphones, and plenty of room to settle in with blankets and warm layers for a cosy night out.

WHEN: December 27, 8 pm
WHERE: Play Arena, Sarjapur Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Festive Flavours

Settle into the season with a limited-time Christmas menu designed for slow afternoons and cosy evenings. The spread brings together winter flavours and comforting dishes meant to be enjoyed over long conversations, live music, and a relaxed holiday mood.

WHEN: December 28, 12pm onwards
WHERE: Daysie, Craig Park Layout
CALL: 080 4725 0000

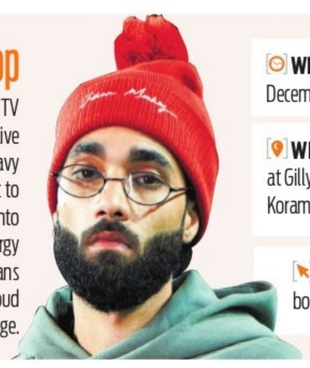
Curious Fun

Explore interactive science through live demonstrations, experiments, and workshops designed to spark curiosity across age groups. This event brings together playful learning and hands-on activities that make complex ideas easier to understand.

WHEN: December 27, 10am onwards
WHERE: The MadLabs: Where Fun Meets Fascination, JC Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Live Hip-Hop

Catch reality show MTV Hustle rapper **Vichaar** live as he brings sharp bars, heavy bass, and an unfiltered set to the city. The night leans into raw lyrics and high-energy performance, made for fans who like their hip-hop loud and close to the stage.



WHEN: December 27, 7pm
WHERE: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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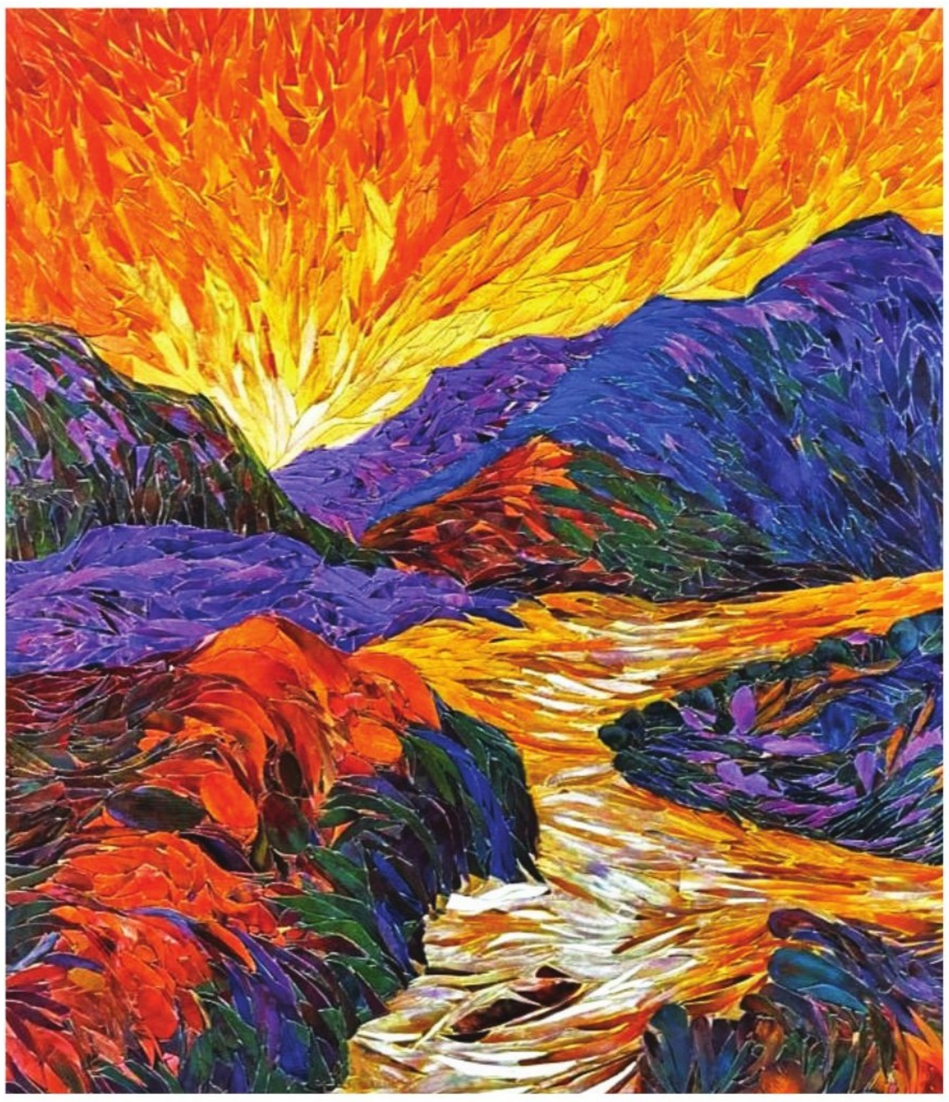
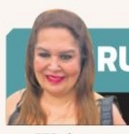


THE VALLEY WHERE THE SUN LINGERS

Artist Manjula Dubey's acrylic on canvas explores a dialogue between stillness and movement



RUBINATIONS

Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

'TIS THE SEASON!

Prashant Issar & a bevy of beauties

THERE is no doubt about the joie-de-vivre surrounding us as we enjoy the nip in the air and the faint sounds of Christmas carols streaming through. It surely is la famille time and it's no different for me. My family is down from different corners of the world and when we meet, we can't hear a word of what is being said. Every generation complains about the future generation labelling them X, Y or Zee! Well let me tell you, that a world without them would be 'basic' or 'cringe' (very boring). The beauty is that when we are together, a motley crew spanning many generations, the conversation, the banter and the vibe is always lively and friendly. The newer-generation is never shy of throwing their arms around you with abandon, planting soppy kisses on your cheek, or expecting presents like it is their birthright (as it is rightly so). They enjoy our company as much as we do theirs, and partying and 'doing' lunches and dinners is a must (only if we are paying!). When the dust settles and they leave, there is a heaviness that hangs in the air. I miss the incessant talking, the messy house and the general 'vibe' goes back to being normal very fast!

The jingbang is down (apparently it is a 'rizz' phrase) and in-between coughs, colds and osteoporosis to deal with, I'm a happy camper. We had a pre-Christmas melee at the Bangalore Club and copious amounts of food and ambrosia were polished off. As our friends and theirs joined the melee, the atmosphere became more raucous and different plans were made for different days. It was a fantastic amalgamation, as the 'missing generations' were looped into video calls as they too, joined us in our celebrations. As their friends and ours imbibed more Madeira, secrets came spilling out which were best kept hidden! But all in good fun as we have made plans for a future 'wannalink' or 'catch-a-vibe'!

Family time and friends-like-family time is contagious. My pals Aloma and David Lobo threw their annual Christmas shindig because their whole family (50 strong, bless them!) with uncles, aunts, children and grandkids were coming in from the remotest corners of the world. The only person missing was good ol' Saint Nick himself! No doubt the festivities began with a bang, and till we left, there were no signs of winding down. Aloma and David are friends I admire and respect deeply. The OGs of namma ooru, their contribution and commitment to our city is astounding. Well, so was their party; great food, a fantastic bar, music, friends and family.

I just adore my friend Prashant Issar. He puts his money where his mouth is! His newly opened restaurant 'Ishaara' (gesture) is a testament to his commitment to employ the hearing and speech impaired with grace and dignity. We had dinner with him and were so beautifully served by the staff with little sign cards thoughtfully kept on our place mats, so we could sign when we needed something. The restaurant in CBD is sensational, the décor and the vibe, the intensely researched menu of progressive Indian cuisine and the truly innovative cocktails were just puurfect! As I joke with my friend Prashant, I'm so glad he became a serial entrepreneur and not other things associated with serial!

Enjoy the music and don't listen to the sad lyrics!

(The writer's views are personal)

Meera Malhotra, Anya & Rakhee Goel

NUTRIWISE

Sadhvika Srinivas

(The writer is the director and chief nutritionist at LivStack Health and Performance, Chennai)

Extreme diet not the panacea

OBESITY has now become a huge public health issue not only in the developed world but also in developing countries. In view of the health hazards associated with obesity and more importantly, for cosmetic reasons, many people, particularly the youth, have started resorting to 'extreme' weight-loss diets to achieve a rapid reduction in weight. These extreme diets are either very low in carbohydrates or very low in fats. Such extreme diets not only make the diet unbalanced but also pose safety issues. Moreover, these are not sustainable in the long run. The weight that is lost is regained within a short period of time when people go off these extreme diets. This explains why the popularity of most extreme diets peaks and wanes rapidly. Instead of resorting to extreme diets, correction of obesity is best achieved with balanced, healthy, nutritious diets which are low in calories, combined with adequate physical activity (exercise). Motivational counselling can also help people initiate weight loss and sustain it over longer periods of time.

In recent years, extreme diets, such as zero-carb plans, liquid cleanses, detox teas, or rigid calorie cuts, have gained popularity across urban India, including Bengaluru. Promoted heavily on social media and often backed by dramatic 'before and after' photos, these diets promise quick weight loss and rapid health improvements. Yet, in South Indian households, they rarely succeed in the long term. The reason is not a lack of discipline or motivation, but a mismatch between these diets and cultural, physiological and lifestyle realities.

Traditional South Indian meals revolve around rice-based staples such as idli, dosa, sambar, rasam, curd rice, and vegetable pallyas. Extreme diets that completely eliminate carbohydrates clash directly with these eating patterns. For many families, rice is not just a food but a daily ritual, deeply linked to comfort, satiety, and family bonding. When people attempt to remove these staples abruptly, meals start feeling restrictive and unsatisfying. This often leads to cravings, irritability, low energy, and, eventually, binge eating. The result is a cycle of strict control followed by loss of control, making the diet unsustainable.

Hot and humid climates place unique demands on the body. Carbohydrates play an important role in replenishing glycogen stores and supporting physical activity, especially when sweating and fluid loss are high. Very low-calorie or carb-free diets can increase fatigue, dizziness, and reduced exercise tolerance in such conditions. Many individuals following extreme diets report feeling weak, lightheaded, or unable to focus at work, particularly IT professionals, homemakers managing busy households, or athletes training in the heat. When a diet interferes with daily functioning, it is unlikely to be maintained.

Rapid weight loss from extreme diets is often due to water loss, muscle loss, and severe calorie restriction, not fat loss. In South Indian populations, where protein intake is already marginal for many, aggressive dieting can worsen muscle loss, slow metabolism and affect hormonal health. Women, in particular, may experience irregular periods, hair fall, mood changes, or worsening of conditions like Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS). Once normal eating resumes, weight regain is common, sometimes exceeding the lost weight. The core issue with extreme diets is not that they 'don't work,' but that they don't work for long. Health is built through consistency, regular meals, adequate protein, balanced carbohydrates, and culturally familiar foods eaten in appropriate portions.

For South Indian households, the most effective nutrition approach respects tradition while applying modern science. Eating idli or rice is not the problem, portion size, balance, and frequency matter far more than elimination. Extreme diets fail because they demand perfection. Sustainable nutrition succeeds because it allows for flexibility. When food fits culture, climate and family life, healthy habits are easier to maintain, and results last.

NUGGETS

Hotel to host New Year dining events

The Leela Palace will mark the New Year with two dining events at Citrus on Dec 31 and Jan 1. A gala dinner on December 31, will feature international flavours including artisanal pizzas, handcrafted pastas and an elegant carving station, from 8pm onwards. On Jan 1, the festivities will continue with a brunch at 12.30pm, offering charcuterie spread, a kid's selection, live counters, a dessert spread, aromatic Arabic delicacies and more. For reservations, call 89519 74424.

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I, **Hemanth Kumar Lokanath** S/o Lokanath Kalichetty Narayanachetty, Residing at No.659, Shri Hari Vayu Krupa,14th cross, 6th main Bikasipura, near Ramesh Medical, Prasanthi Nagar, ISRO layout, J.P Nagar, Bangalore- 560078 have changed my name to **Hemanth Kumar Lokanatha** vide affidavit dated 24/12/2025 sworn before notary Onkarappa N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, the undersigned **DEEPAK AWARADI,** on behalf of Minor Son **TANMAY DEEPAK AWARADI** (New Name) previously called **TANMAY AWARADI** (Old name), aged about 15 years (DOB 22.10.2020), resident of Sujatha Residency, 3rd Floor. Flat No: 301, 6th Cross, Basavanapura Main Road, Nisarga Layout, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560 036, Karnataka do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my son name from **TANMAY AWARADI** to **TANMAY DEEPAK AWARADI** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, **Mr. NIJAGUNARADHYA T.C,** on 24.12.2025 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. SOMASHEKAR SOORANA HALLI PUTTE GOWDA,** aged 62 years, S/o. Soorana Halli Putte Gowda, residing at No. 739 4th E Main 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-560086, Karnataka, India have changed my name from **SOMESHEKAR SOORANA HALLI PUTTE GOWDA** to **SOMASHEKAR SOORANA HALLI PUTTE GOWDA,** vide Affidavit dated: 24-12-2025 duly sworn to before Sri. **RAMASANJEEVAIAH. K.V.,** Notary, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **DAULATH SRIDHARA ANITHA,** aged about 63 years, W/o. Shirdhara D.S, residing at No. 17/18, Flat No. 003, Balaji Residency, Near K.R. Hospital, Balaji Nagar, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061, do hereby declare that name **Daulath Sridhara Anitha** and **D.S. Anitha Shridhara** above refer to one and the same person that is myself, vide affidavit dated 26.12.2025, sworn to before Mohammed Hussain .K, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRAMILA JAIN,** residing at No. 293/1/1, 17th D Main, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAMILA KUMARI** to **PRAMILA JAIN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAMILA JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26/11/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **KUNTHE LATA** C/o Rajashankar # 16. 1st Main Road, 7th Cross, Near Sambhram College BHEL Layout, Chikkabettahalli Village Bangalore-560097 have changed my name to (NEW NAME) **LATHA KUNTE** for all purposes affidavit dated 26.12.2025 sworn before advocate and notary **R. Ramesh,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJUNATH.Y.C** S/o Chikkananjegowda, aged about 29 years, residing at No.58, Srinidhi layout, Herohalli, Bengaluru-560 091. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'MANJUNATH.Y.C' to 'YOGESH. Y.C'** Vide Affidavit dated 15.12.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Prakasha.C, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) TABASSUM BEGUM,** Residing at No.18/10, 4th Cross, 9th A Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore South, Karnataka, Bangalore - 560029, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) TABASSUM BEGUM** to **(NEW NAME) TABASSUM BEGUM SHARIFF** Vide affidavit dated 24.12.2025 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K VISALAMMA,** aged about 56 years, W/o C Krishnappa, residing at No. 71, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Shri Gururaghavendra Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K VISALAMMA** to **VISHALAKSHMI** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VISHALAKSHMI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/12/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA J.J** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kishore Kumar P,** resident of House No.169, Government High Primary School KV Camp, Kempanahalli - II, Davanagere-577544, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Kishorkumar P** to **Kishore Kumar P,** vide affidavit dated 24.12.2025, sworn to before Mohan Kumar .N, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGALATHA VARMA,** W/o. Hemendra Varma Sompalli, residing at #16, 10th Main, 17th Cross, Lakkasandra Extension, Adugodi Post, Bengaluru 560030, have changed my name to **NAGA LATHA S** vide Affidavit Dated: 26/12/2025 sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARSHA PEDNEKAR,** D/o Dilip Pednekar, aged about 38 years, R/o D-204, SNR Verity Building, Sarjapur-Bagalur Road, Sarjapura, Bangalore-562125, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HARSHA DILIP PEDNEKAR** to **HARSHA PEDNEKAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **HARSHA PEDNEKAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **ROOPA G BHANDARE** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Parmeshwar N Verma,** S/o Nand Lal Verma, aged about 58 years, residing at Flat No G002, MBR Scapple Apartments, Bannerghatta Main Road, Gottigere, Bangalore 560083 have changed my name from **Parmeshwar Lal Verma to Parmeshwar N Verma** (New name) vide affidavit dated 26-12-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. Chowde Gowda,** Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Saleem H. Shekh, S/o Mr. Hajisab about 29 years, R/at VTC- Athani, Po-Athani, Belgaum District, Karnataka State, Pin - 591304, today at Bengaluru, I declare that below mentioned all names **Saleem H. Shekh, Saleem Shekh** and **Saleem Hajisab Shekh** belongs to me only and one and the same person's names only and in future I will continue my name as **Saleem H. Shekh,** vide affidavit dated 20/12/2025 sworn to before G Dayananda Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, B Triveni., W/o Bangali Badrinath, aged about 55 years, Residing at Flat No.E-001, Gana Regent Apartment, Channasadra, Near RNSIT, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560098 . I have changed my name from S Tiruveni (Old Name) to **B Triveni (New Name),** vide affidavit dated **24.12.2025,** sworn before advocate and notary **Ravi, B.A., L.L.B Advocate & Notary Bangalore-560040.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NISCHITH SHETTY,** S/o Hiriyanna Shetty Balakudru, Residing at No. 17/1, Sri Devi Nilaya, Near New Age Public School, Marathalli, Bangalore-560037, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NISCHITH SHETTY BELOOR HIRIYANNA** to **NISCHITH SHETTY** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NISCHITH SHETTY** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19/11/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.V. MANI** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **TADEPALLI RAMA KRISHNA,** resident of Flat No. 5L, B Block, Vahe Imperial Gardens, Gunjur, Bangalore-560087, do hereby declare that we have changed my minor son's name from **TADEPALLI VENKATA SATYA KRISHNA DEEPAK** to **TADEPALLI DEEPAK** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TADEPALLI DEEPAK** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAKESH KUMAR JAIN,** S/o. Jayantilal, residing at #158, 1st Floor, 17th Cross, Opp. to Jain Degember Temple, R T Street, Chickpet PO, Bengaluru 560053, have changed my name to **RAKESH KUMAR** vide Affidavit Dated: 26/12/2025 sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

NAME DECLARATION

I, **Mr. Karthik S Vasishta,** son of Shankara N Murthy, residing at Lakshmi Narasimha Nilaya, No. 72/73, 8th main, Sarakki old post office, JP Nagar I phase, near Shakambari temple, Bangalore - 560078, my correct and full name is "Karthik S Vasishta" and my Passport has been incorrectly mentioned as "Karthik Vasishta" instead of my correct name "Karthik S Vasishta". **I hereby declare that both names "Karthik Vasishta" and "Karthik S Vasishta" refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself.** vide affidavit dated 23/12/2025, Sworn to before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore–560016.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **BHANWARLAL PANCHARIYA** S/o Mangilal Panchariya, aged about 65 years, residing at No.10, Srikanta Layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560001., i state that in my pan card my name is mentioned as **BHAWARLAL SHARMA** and My fathers name is mentioned as **MANGILAL.** I am swearing to rectify my name as "**BHANWARLAL PANCHARIYA**" and my fathers name as "**MANGILAL PANCHARIYA**" as per my Aadhar card and Voter Id. Before Advocate **Sri. Avinash** and notary **Smt. VATSALA.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr.BARMAJI, S/o Shrikuramath, aged about 46 years, Residing at No.55,56, A-62 KSSIDC Sheds, Bommasandra, Chandapura, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District - 560099. have changed my name from **MALIK CHAND VERMA** to **BARMAJI,** vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn to before Muniswamy T Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENKATA MURALIDHAR SEKUR** S/o S Jayaram, R/o No.212, 2nd Floor Fort House, Tatanagar, Kodigehalli Bengaluru - 560092, Karnataka, have permanently changed my name from **VENKATA MURALIDHAR SEKUR** to **MURALIDHAR SEKUR VENKAT** vide affidavit dated 17/12/2025, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mrs. MEENAKSHI A,** aged about 44 years, W/o. Sri Bhaskar Reddy Y, residing at #19, 7th Cross, 1st Main, Behind Manjunatha Boys PG, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru-560078, Karnataka, do hereby declare that **MEENAKSHI** and **MEENAKSHI A,** both the name pertain to the one and same person, vide affidavit dated 24.12.2025, sworn to before S.N. Madhu, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru..

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mr. AMITAVA BANERJEE,** S/o. Parimal Kumar Banerjee, aged about 50 years, residing at Flat No. B2 0507, KSR Cordelia Apartment 67/1, 67/2 Dasarahalli, Opp. Nandini Milk Depo, Thanisandra, Bengaluru-560024, do hereby declare that **Mr. Amitava** and **Mr. Amitava Banerjee** both the name belongs to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 26.12.2025, sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VISHWANATHA GURIMAJAL,** S/o. Gurimajal Darnappa Poojary, residing at #S2, Khatha 37/11, 1st Cross, 4th Main Road, Krishna Kunj, Income Tax Layout, Attiguppe, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560040, have changed my name to **GURIMAJAL VISHWANATH** vide Affidavit Dated: 18/12/2025, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAUTHAM PAI BANTWAL,** aged 22 years, S/o. **Gurudatta Pai Bantwal,** residing of No. 1524 / New 6 B-1, Spoorthy Residency, 15th Main, MRCR Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru -560040, have changed my name from **BANTWAL GAUTAM PAI** to **GAUTHAM PAI BANTWAL** vide affidavit dated 26-12-2025 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Narayanaswamy G.N** S/o Late Narasimhappa aged 50 years, residing at No 36, Sri Vaibhava Nilaya Sri Sai Ram Layout, Honnenahalli, Singanayakanahalli Post, Yelahanka Bengaluru-560064. Hereby declare that my son's correct name is **JAYANTH SUBRAMANYA.** In School records my son name is **JAYANTH.N** I here by declare that change to in the name of **JAYANTH SUBRAMANYA** this declaration is sworn before the advocate & Notary **S.Eswara Reddy**- Bengaluru-560036 dated 12.12.2025

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K. KESHAVA, aged about 34 years, S/o. K Reddeppa, residing at No.5-20, Barinepalli, Punganur, Magandlapalle, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh- 517247. have changed my daughter's name from SHAYANA .K to SHANVI K. Vide affidavit dated 26-12-2025 sworn before advocate and notary Mahesha J.J., Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIJAYALAKSHMI C A** W/o Hanumanthraj G Doddamani, R/o House No.006, Ground Floor, Elegance Pristine, Habulus Society, Hulimangala Road, Opp. Ritu Sweets, Electronic City Phase - 1, Bangalore - 560105 have changed my name from **VIJAYALAKSHMI** to **VIJAYALAKSHMI C A** vide affidavit dated 26-12-2025 sworn before Notary B. Lingaraj, Davangere.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P. NEHA ASRANI,** W/o N. Prakash Asrani, aged 46 years, R/at No. 64, Nand Jyothi, 5th 'B' Block, JP Nagar 9th Phase, Avalahalli Main Road, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **D. BINDIYA** and **P. NEHA ASRANI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as P. **NEHA ASRANI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd Dec. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

NOTIFICATION

I, KAVYA R. D/o. Raju, R/a #62/3, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, Vittal Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru- 560018 Declared that I have lost my Bachelor of Arts Original Degree Convocation Certificate, issued by Bangalore University. And i have completed B.A, at V.V. Puram Arts and Commerce Degree College, K.R. Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore, bearing Register No. 17BXA80008. Passing Year 2020. Above documents lost on 22.12.2025 Shankarpura, Bangalore. Lost Report No. 1970963/2025 Dated: 22.12.2025. If anybody found above documents please call: 9902237947 or nearby police station.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUBRAMANI** R/at No. 240/2- D3/A -281 Varalakshmi Nilayam Begur Main Road Begur Bengaluru-560068 have changed my minor Daughter name from **SAKTHI** to **SAKTHI SUBRAMANI** vide affidavit dated: 26/12/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. P. Ranjani Sampath W/o Punaha Praveen Kumar, aged about 57 years, residing at House No.3-5-63 and 64, Street No.7, Near Padmashali Hostel, Ramkoti, Himayathnagar, Hyderabad - 500029, now at Bangalore, I declare that the below said names i.e., **Punaha Ranjani Sampath, Ranjani Sampath Punaha, P. Ranjani Sampath, Ranjani S., Ranjani Sampath** and **Ranjani** refer to me only and they are not different persons. In future, for uniformity and to avoid confusion I want to identify & recognize myself as **P. RANJANI SAMPATH.,** vide affidavit dated 26/12/2025 sworn to before P N Nagesha Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jayanti M.Bhat, w/o Mahabaleshwara Arnady, resident of No-29(37), 2nd Main, Coconut garden, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore -72, have changed my name from Jayanti M. Bhat to JAYANTHI M. BHAT vide affidavit sworn before Smt Manjula B.A, LL.B, Notary Public, Bangalore-560022. Dated 24/09/2025 at Bangalore.

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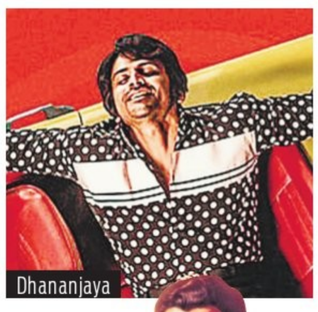
Priyanka Mohan

Priyanka Mohan gets into retro space for *666: Operation Dream Theatre*

CE FEATURTES

THE makers of *666: Operation Dream Theatre* have brought Priyanka Mohan on board, announcing the casting with her character's look from the film. Directed by Hemanth M Rao, the spy thriller has gradually drummed up hype through selective updates, and this latest reveal offers a sharper sense of its visual world without revealing specifics about its story. Priyanka Mohan is introduced through two posters that differ in tone but remain connected in intent. The first places her against a glowing golden full moon, dressed in a lavender blouse and floral skirt. While the styling leans towards a vintage aesthetic, contemporary details, notably the earphones, subtly disrupt the period frame. This contrast suggests a character shaped by more than one time or setting, inviting curiosity rather than fixed interpretations.

The second poster moves fully into retro territory. Adorned with pearl jewellery, gloves, a floral dress, and a wide-brimmed hat, Priyanka appears composed and restrained. The image reveals little about her role, choosing instead to withhold information. Soft colours and classic styling recall old-world cinema and reinforce the film's preference for mood over direct exposition, taken together, the posters point to a narrative that balances mystery with visual restraint. *666: Operation Dream Theatre* stars Dhananjaya in the lead and features Dr Shiva Rajkumar in a major role. Previous updates have included first looks of the principal cast, along with glimpses of large-scale sets and period-specific props, including vintage cameras. The makers have also announced that a special video from the film will be unveiled in January.


Dhananjaya

The film, directed by Hemanth M Rao, brings together Shivarajkumar and Dhananjaya in a spy thriller
Shivarajkumar

Dr Vaishak J Gowda produces the film under the Vaishak J Films banner. The technical crew comprises Charan Raj as the composer, Advaitha Gurumurthy as the cinematographer, Vishwas Kashyap as the production designer, and Inchara Sureshas the costume designer. Having completed three shooting schedules, *666: Operation Dream Theatre* is mounted on a big canvas and is planned for a simultaneous release in Kannada and Telugu.

SUDEEP DRIVES A FAST-PACED THRILLER WITH HIS STRONG PRESENCE

A SHARADHAA

WHEN a film starts with bodies hanging and blood stains on the floor, it quickly shows it won't ease the viewer in. *Mark* sets its moral landscape from the first frame, where authority is broken, chaos is normal, and violence is both a spectacle and a motion. The opening mass murder in Kolhapur introduces Badhra (Naveen Chandra), a volatile rowdy whose brutality feels instinctive. Yet, the film grounds this violence in something deeply personal. Badra's younger brother Rudra (Vikrant) runs away with someone against his wishes, and that becomes the emotional spark that ignites the violence that follows.

The story shifts to Bengaluru, where disorder quietly prepares for the arrival of Ajay Markanday, aka *Mark* (Sudeep). His introduction is loud and driven by Ajaneesh Loknath's music, particularly the entry song "Dada Yaar Gotta." The sharp shot design and gripping score keep the long sequence appealing. *Mark* does not enter as a man in charge; he comes in as a force that chaos reorganises around, instantly establishing that in this world, rules matter less and instinct dictates law. The main conflict isn't law versus crime, but rather who has the more justified use of violence. When *Mark* brushes off his suspension as meaningless for someone always on duty, the film goes along with that notion. Bureaucracy exists only in dialogue; presence becomes law.

As the investigation unfolds, *Mark* doesn't sit around reasoning; he hunts. He senses danger before it appears. Markets, black jeeps, wedding venues, hospitals, and dams become stops in a tightening chase. The thrill lies in the speed and instinctive decision-making under pressure. Unlike *Max*, where much of the tension is contained in one location, Mark travels across various settings and timelines.

The emotional weight enters subtly but significantly. Mark's mother is stabbed and hospitalised, and Archana, the caretaker's young daughter, is kidnapped. What seems like a personal crisis soon expands into a larger pattern as Mark uncovers multiple cases of missing children. Eighteen hours to save eighteen lives introduces a measured tension that mirrors the precision of the investigation. Each rescue and each chase feels methodical, with stakes that feel real because they are tied to innocence rather than just spectacle.

Alongside, there is a political thread that contributes to the disorder. A hospitalised Chief Minister is murdered, and Adikeshavalu (Shine Tom Chacko), the CM's son, appears cold and calculated. Politics here serves to highlight how easily authority shifts when chaos becomes profitable. Mark's refusal to play political games strengthens his outsider status. He operates in a moral void guided by instinct and consequence.

Sudeep remains the gravitational centre of the film. He is fit, composed, and commanding, dominating the frame even in quieter moments. Though he sports a different hairstyle, his dark-toned wardrobe extends the visual continuity from *Max* and suits the character's grounded aggression. Even with the inclusion of a song like "Mast Malaika," featuring Nishvika and voiced by Sanvi Sudeep, the film avoids forced romantic detours, keeping its focus on narrative momentum. The actor's energy propels the film forward, ensuring that every sequence, whether it's a chase, confrontation, or investigation, retains its intensity.

RATING 3/5

The supporting cast of Mark also have the chance to shine. Naveen Chandra brings instability and menace, while Shine conveys ambition without going overboard. Yogi Babu, cast in a negative light as Solomon, adds measured humor but does not lessen the tension. Gopal Krishna Deshpande and Raghu Ramanakopp also bring surprises. Archana Kottige, Roshni Prakash, Deepshika, Prathap Narayanan, and Ashwin Hassan serve important roles, adding depth to the film's moral landscape. There are minor issues in dubbing, but the ensemble generally strengthens the film.

MARK
Director: Vijay Kartikeyaa
Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Naveen Chandra, Guru Somasundaram, Vikrant, Yogi Babu, Roshini Prakash, Archana Kottige, Deepashika, Ashwin Hassan, Pratap Narayanan, Gopal Deshpande, and Raghu Ramankoppa

On a technical level, Shekhar Chandra's cinematography captures chaos clearly, maintaining scale without clutter. Shivakumar's art direction sustains a raw, lived-in feel, while Ajaneesh Loknath's background score keeps the pace steady, making sure the narrative never slows. A couple of songs act as breaks without disrupting the story, while the 'Kaali' song adds some divine significance

By the climax, Mark embraces its identity fully, becoming a race against time fueled by instinct, energy, and controlled aggression. The rogue within the system feels inevitable rather than shocking, consistent with the film's ethical landscape. While Max was a tightly contained nighttime thriller, *Mark* expands the scope, balancing investigation, suspense, political tension, and moral weight. It moves at double speed, encouraging the audience to engage rather than reflect.

Mark's strength is his instinct, pace, and energy, and the film pulls the audience along in this ride. Every chase, confrontation, and decision radiates the hero's authority, shaping a tightly wound, fast-paced thriller. Drama is woven in but never overshadows the action, and emotion adds depth without hindering the momentum.

This is not a film meant for quiet contemplation, but a fast and furious tale that hopes to keep you alert, and feeling the intensity in every beat. And as the credits roll, you can rest assured that team *Mark* delivered on that promise.

THE FILM, MADE UNDER KVN PRODUCTIONS, RELEASING IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES, WILL GET A SUMMER RELEASE

Prem-Dhruva Sarja's *KD* locks new release date

CE FEATURES

AMID the festive cheer of Christmas and New Year, Dhruva Sarja fans were in for a surprise. Director Jogi Prem and Dhruva Sarja's long-awaited *KD: The Devil*, has quietly announced its release date, along with the announcement of a new song, Antamma Jodettu Kano. After months of uncertainty and multiple postponed announcements, the film is now scheduled for April 30.

The latest song, sung by Jogi Prem himself, has already gone viral, celebrating the bond between brothers. With lyrics by BS Manjunath and music by Arjun Janya, it has been recorded in multiple languages: Javed Ali in Hindi, Sid Sriram in Telugu and Tamil, Vijay in Malayalam, and Jogi Prem in Kannada. *KD: The Devil* is being released by KVN Productions, the producers behind Vijay's Jana Nayagan and Yash's Toxic.

The star-studded cast includes Bollywood actors Sanjay Dutt and Shilpa Shetty, alongside Kannada stalwarts Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, and Rishma Naayak. Nora Fatehi makes a special appearance in a song. While the announcement was understated, the combination of Dhruva Sarja's star power, Jogi Prem's direction, multi-lingual music, and KVN Productions' pan-India vision makes *KD: The Devil* one of the most anticipated films of 2026.

MD Pallavi lends voice to Telugu-Tamil duet in *The Rise of Ashoka*

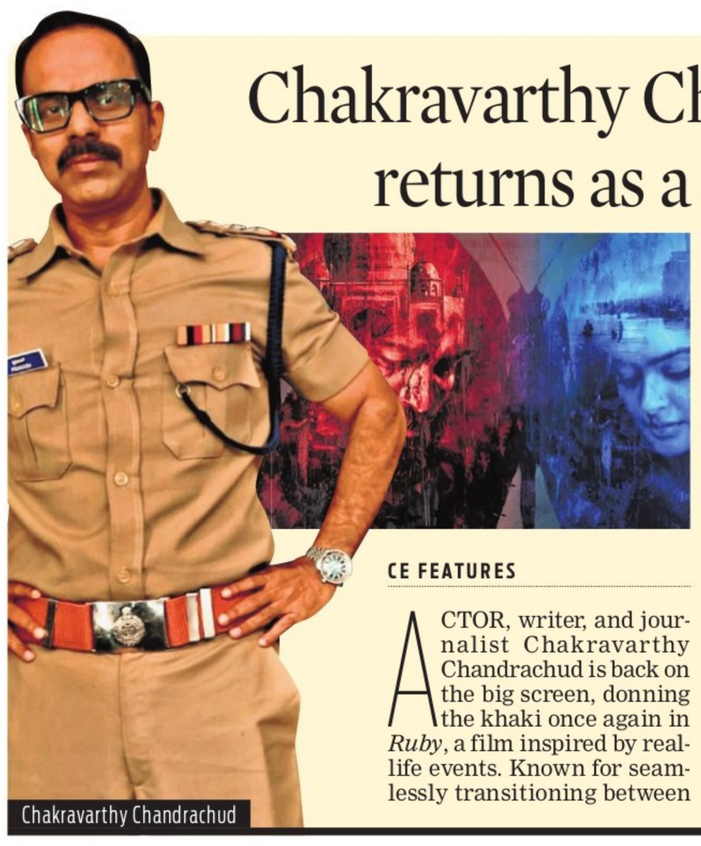
CE FEATURES

SINGER MD Pallavi, known for her work in Kannada and other South Indian film industries, has lent her voice for the latest duet in the upcoming film, *The Rise of Ashoka*. A trained vocalist with experience in playback singing and live performances, Pallavi brings versatility and nuance to the song, which is a key part of the film's music promotions.

The new duet, Yako Yako, has been released in Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu. The song features Ninasam Sathish and Sapthami Gowda on screen. In Kannada, vocals are by Pancham Jeev and Prithvi Bhatt, with music composed and lyrics written by Poornachandra Tejaswi. Interestingly, MD Pallavi has sung the Tamil and Telugu versions alongside Kapil Kapilan, with lyrics by Monish Kumar (Tamil) and Jayachandra JD (Telugu). Within three days of release, the song has already crossed over a million views, with Pallavi's vocals connecting audiences across languages.

Set in the 1970s, *The Rise of Ashoka* follows the journey of a revolutionary youth, chronicling his struggles, fight, and personal growth. Sathish plays the lead role and has also worked on writing, singing, and producing the film. Sapthami Gowda portrays the female lead, a flower-selling girl.

Chakravarthy Chandrachud returns as a cop in *Ruby*


Chakravarthy Chandrachud

CE FEATURES

ACTOR, writer, and journalist Chakravarthy Chandrachud is back on the big screen, donning the khaki once again in *Ruby*, a film inspired by real-life events. Known for seamlessly transitioning between antagonists, cop roles, and grounded characters, Chandrachud takes on the role of a special cop who drives the narrative to its very end.

Chakravarthy has appeared in films such as *Meloba Mayavi, Ranganayaki*, *1975*, *Demo Piece*, and an upcoming web series, showcasing his versatility across genres and formats. With *Ruby*, he continues his association with law-enforcement roles, bringing both authenticity and gravitas to the character. The film marks the directorial debut of State Award-winning writer Raghu Kovi and stars Ram Gowda, who made his debut as a lead with Dilmaar. Vaibhavi Shandilya, known for Gaalipata and Martin, plays the female lead. The technical crew includes Venkatesh Anguraj on cinematography, Suresh Aras on editing, and Vikram More handling action choreography. The film is produced under the Ivan Films banner.

Speaking about his role, Chandrachud said, "Playing this special cop was both challenging and familiar. Having worked as a writer and journalist, understanding the depth of the case and the mindset of the character came naturally. The suspense of the film builds around how the case unfolds, and I stay central to the narrative until the very end." *Ruby* is based on a real incident that took place in Hyderabad. The film features five songs, with nearly half of the shooting already wrapped. *Ruby* is currently being prepped for a theatrical release in the first half of 2026.

Prithviraj-Kareena film's shooting wrapped up

CE FEATURES

ACTORS Kareena Kapoor Khan and Prithviraj Sukumaran have wrapped shooting for their upcoming crime-drama thriller Daayra. The film has been directed by Meghna Gulzar, known for helming films such as Vicky Kaushal-starrer *Sam Bahadur* (2023) and *Raazi* (2018) with Alia Bhatt.

Pritviraj announced the wrap on the film through his social media handle on Friday. It featured the actor alongside his co-star, Kareena, and Meghna.

Daayra is billed as a crime-drama thriller that explores the age-old paradox of crime, punishment, and justice. It taps into the pulse of the people as it confronts the topical and diabolical realities unfolding in society today, as per the official logline.

The filming started in September. Meghna announced it with a montage video from the set featuring herself, Prithviraj, and Kareena. "A journey of blurred and crossed lines' we begin," she wrote.